

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2023, +4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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100 club membership

Good Luck to all our members!! Winners to be announced this weekend!!

MASS INTENTIONS +FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING THE FLOWER ARRANGERS

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING THE BANKING TEAM

MONDAY 1ST MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM GERALDINE WALLACE RIP LD

TUESDAY 2ND MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT TEATUM FAMILY

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT CHANDRASENA FAMILY

THURSDAY 4TH MAY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 5TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR KING CHARLES

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM INT KEVIN PATRICK JOSEPH O'BRIEN RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS

+FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE OFFERTORY COUNTING TEAM

09:30AM INT ANNA HILL

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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OFFICE OPEN: 09:30AM-2:00PM (Mon-Wed only)

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Yvonne Grasso, Hilda Minoli, Mary Cullen, Mary Richards, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning; and those in our local nursing homes especially Kitty Goldie, Moira Bennett, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus. For our housebound parishioners, especially Peggy McMahan, & Norma Kolakowska.

Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this

time Kitty Tobin, Paul Aloysius Gough, Jo Barton, Charles Cizek, Francis Burns & Martin Baxter.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 14th May** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 3rd May**, at **2.30pm** in the Library and will every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Church Cleaning Team- Reminder of the next cleaning dates will be **Thursday 4th May at 7pm** and **Thursday 18th May at 09:15am**. Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team, sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Hillingdon Food Bank: Thank you for all your donations. Next collection will be **Tuesday 23rd May**.

Save the Date- Connex Community coffee morning **Wednesday 24th May** in the Parish Hall. More information to follow soon.



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Dear Parishioners,

'I came so that they might have life and have it to the full.'

On this week's 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, we particularly contemplate the way Jesus guides his Church like a shepherd and through the priests that he has appointed. Jesus tells us that he wants us to receive the fullness of life through him and his Church. He has laid down his own life so that we could know the love of God and receive mercy and grace through his Cross and Resurrection. When calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus tells us that each shepherd would call his own sheep and the sheep would follow their own shepherd's voice and not the others. This 'voice' of Jesus is made present to us through his Word and through the Sacraments in the Church. As we faithfully practice our faith, we are strengthened by these and helped to recognise the voice of God in our lives. Jesus also instituted the Holy Priesthood so that his voice could be heard in the world through their teaching and preaching. These pastors of the Church have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God's people. Priests are called to humbly listen to God so that they never fail to shepherd God's people. God's true sheep will then recognise the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking through them. If they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the heart of the Good Shepherd. Let us reflect today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd, calling to us in a variety of ways. Do we know the voice of the Shepherd? Can we clearly distinguish his voice from others? Or do we allow the many other voices of life to take precedence? Let us pray that we learn to hear God's true voice through faith and prayer. Let us also pray for good shepherds for his Church and for those discerning the call to be pastors and priests; that all the people of God may come to have life, and life to the full.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Priest Training Fund This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Catenian Family Quiz Thank you to our Local Catenian association who ran Saturday's fish and chip quiz. Thank you to everyone who came along to support. £280 was raised for the parish!! If you would like to find out more information about the Catenian Association, you can see Richard Maude on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4SE9bVy-oU&t=15s>

Donations to Parish A reminder that the DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE contactless terminal is available in the church entrance, located on the left-hand side. Simply just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make donations. Select the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the Sum Up reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% if you are a UK Tax payer. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. If you are unsure how to use, please speak to one of the Welcome Stewards on your arrival. Thank you for your support.