

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023, +5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS INTENTIONS +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

MONDAY 8TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM LADY DIANA SPENCER RIP

TUESDAY 9TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM GERALDINE WALLACE RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM EDWARD GORMAN RIP

THURSDAY 11TH MAY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 12TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM INT JUDY AND ERIC DOKE

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE
FRANCIS

FOLLOWED BY

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER
MASS*

+SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 14TH MAY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Kerri Hepworth, 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 McMahon, & 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 Ronald Michael Johnson and Alan Kimber.

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 17th 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 Next collection will be **Tuesday 23rd May**.

Donations If you would like to donate to the parish online, please scan the QR CODE below. Thank you.





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+5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners,

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; and trust also in me.’

In this week’s Sunday Gospel Jesus not only tells the disciples not to be troubled, He also tells them why. Jesus promises them He will prepare a place for them in Heaven and will come to take them to that place in His Father’s House, despite their failings. By believing, Peter and the other apostles will be able to dispel the initial discouragement they feel over their failings and turn back to God with the anticipation of Heaven. Do we get discouraged in our lives? Like Saint Peter, we can strive to be sorry for our sins. By doing this we can let our sins, and the temptation toward despair, become a motivation to regain hope, courage, and determination. This will only be possible if we always hear Jesus say to us, “Do not let your hearts be troubled...” We must sense His compassion and tenderness and allow that love to fill us with confidence that we will one day overcome all sin and be welcomed into the Father’s House. Let us reflect, today, upon anything with which we regularly struggle. As we do, let us consider whether our discouragement leads to despair or hope. Hope does not come from our ability to overcome our problems or sins on our own. It comes from the compassion of our Lord and His promise to redeem us. If we do have a troubled heart, that is good. It is the starting point for hope. Let us allow Jesus to lift our troubled hearts and to point our eyes to Heaven.

God bless you
Fr Martin

Friday Abstinence To assist with the celebrations of His Majesty King Charles III’s Coronation, and for those who wish to avail themselves of it, His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols has been pleased to grant a dispensation from Friday abstinence on Friday 5th May 2023 for those in the Diocese of Westminster on that day.

Prayers for The Coronation From Wednesday 3 May until Friday 5 May, the Bishops of England and Wales encourage Catholics in our lands to pray for His Majesty and the Queen.

Prayer O God, to whom every human power is subject,

grant to your servant our sovereign Charles

success in the exercise of his high office,

so that, always revering you and striving to please you,

he may constantly secure and preserve

for the people entrusted to his care

the freedom that comes from civil peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

V: O Lord, save Charles, our King.

R: And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come before you.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen