

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023, +PENTECOST SUNDAY

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MASS INTENTIONS + PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING FOR JOHN GANNON

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR LIAM HUTCHINSON

MONDAY 29TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM EDWARD GORMAN RIP

TUESDAY 30TH MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM ALDO MINOLI RIP A

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT STANLEY D'SOUZA

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE

9:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM GRACE CAREY RIP

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM HARRY BUTLER RIP A

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARY & PETER KILKENNY

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR BERNIE CURTIS

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

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Laura Swan, 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 who have died recently Cora Farrelly, Norman Dosey, Fei Young & John Kent.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time Rudy Barnes, Mary Elizabeth Walsh, John Carey, Francisco Fernandez, Pradeep Wickremasinghe and Camilus Fernando.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 28th May** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 31st 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 25th May 7pm** and **Thursday 8th June at 9:15am**. 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 donations.

Save the date St Thomas More Feast Day **Thursday 22nd June**, mass at **6pm** followed by Parish Event. Further information to follow.



SUNDAY 28TH MAY
+PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

'There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...'

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost which could be seen as both the end and also just the start of the mission of Jesus Christ. Jesus has accomplished our salvation so that now we can live with the presence of the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit who came first to the Apostles at Pentecost has also descended upon us, transforming us and making it possible to live according to the commandments of love Jesus has left us. The Holy Trinity is a mystery of faith, in which we understand that God is three divine persons in one single eternal communion of love. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; each fully sharing in the one divine nature. Though They act in perfect unison, they each fulfil their unique mission: the Father is the one who sent the Son into the world and willed that he give his life for the salvation of all, the Son was sent and perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father, uniting humanity with divinity and the Holy Spirit is the promise of Father and Son who proceeds from them both and descends upon us, animating us and making it possible for us to share in the life of the most Holy Trinity through our participation in the Christian faith through our membership in the Church. At Pentecost we especially focus upon the third Person of the Blessed Trinity; the Holy Spirit, who is the great gift we have been given to live in this age. Jesus said he would send His Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to lead us into all truth. We are now able to receive the Holy Spirit. God is now also able to live within us, making our souls his dwelling place. Heaven and earth unite within our souls. There could be nothing greater than this. Let us reflect, today, upon these holy mysteries of our faith. The way we will be able to begin to probe these mysteries is through prayerful pondering. Let us look for the workings of God within, to see him at work within our souls, savouring his presence and keeping our eyes firmly fixed on him. Now we can see the fruit of God's presence in our lives, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask for these gifts to be present within us, helping us to live lives of love as Jesus has commanded us to do.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Remembrance Garden – Sincere apologies for any families who have been upset by the removal of plaques and statues from the Garden of Remembrance. To facilitate maintenance of the shared nature of the garden we publicised that we are hoping for just fresh flowers or plants to be placed on the site from now on. It should have been made clear that the removed items have been placed behind the wall at the back of the garden for families to collect. Again we are very sorry for any distress this may have caused. Fr Martin.

New Bible and Prayer Group – An Ignatian Bible study and Prayer Group is being started by one of our parishioners. Initially meetings will be in a private house in the parish on every other Wednesday from 5 – 6.30pm, starting on **Wednesday 31st May**. All ages are welcome. Please call the parish office to register interest and to find out more details.eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581.

RCIA – We hope to be running an RCIA course from this September; the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is an opportunity to learn about the wonderful truths and tradition of the Catholic Christian Church with the possible view to being baptised or received into the Church at Easter 2024. This is a very good moment to ask a spouse, friend or neighbour if this might be something they would like to explore, without any initial commitment. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the team to help facilitate the course in the parish.

This Weekend Only

Tomato and Runner Bean plants for sale with all proceeds going to the Grotto Fund.

£1 each or a donation to the Grotto Fund

payable either in cash or through the card swipe facility in the narthex.

All hardened off and ready for planting in a greenhouse or outside.

If possible please return the pots (washed?) to Bernard Luckhurst. Thank you.

Survive-Miva Appeal Next weekend 3rd/4th June there will be a second collection and Lectern appeal from Survive-Miva. The Missionary charity provides vehicle grants to support the Catholic Church health outreach work and pastoral ministry in the developing world.

Friends of the Holy Land. On the weekend 10th/11th June, Brendan Metcalfe, Executive Director of Friends of the Holy Land, will speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and Brendan will bring some leaflets about the work of Friends of the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

West Middlesex Catenians are organising a guided tour of Bentley Priory Museum on 15th July 2023. This will comprise a talk on the museum and the Battle of Britain. <https://bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk/>

Entrance costs-

Adult £8.80

Concessions £7.70

Child (6-16yrs) £4.40

We will also finish with afternoon tea in the canteen which can be reserved for a small additional cost. If you are interested please contact Richard or Tessa Maude on rmaude@blueyonder.co.uk at least 2 weeks before.

St Oliver Plunkett Symposium - In anticipation of the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett in 2025, there will be a symposium on Saturday 10th June at St Wilfrid's Hall at the Brompton Oratory in South Kensington. On the day various speakers will be talking on the witness of St Oliver for the world of today. St Oliver was the last of those martyred for the Catholic Faith in England in 17th Century, he was the only Irishman to give his life on English soil and the only Archbishop. His life is a noble and heroic testimony to a deep love for the Catholic Church and an inspiring example for today's world and the challenges facing those following the Gospel in our times. *Free Entry* Eventbrite : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bringing-peace-banishing-bitterness-a-symposium-on-st-oliver-plunkett-registration-506735679057>

ASCENT So, I've been confirmed - now what?

If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for the ASCENT. The ASCENT is a three year discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others.

Bookings are now open for the group starting in October and full details can be found at www.theascentuk.co.uk. Alternatively please scan QR CODE below.

