

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 2nd July, +13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS + 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) SEAN PRUNTY RIP
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INT KATHLEEN NODES

MONDAY 3RD JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

TUESDAY 4TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT ANNA HILL

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:00AM INT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY & SYRIA.

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 7TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT PAULINE FITZGERALD

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
10:00AM MICK CULLOTY RIP LD

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 9TH JULY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) GERRY AND MARY BOYLE RIP & FAMILY
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM JOSEFA PANTOJA LOZANA RIP A & BRIAN LOZANA-ORPIANO RIP

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Francisco Alberlado, 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, 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 who have died recently

Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Susan Prior and Jim Nodes.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Patricia Dixon, Ken Newton & Barrie Daniels.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 9th July** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 12th July** 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 **Thursday 13th July** at 7pm and **20th July** at **09:15am**. Please do check the Narthex for dates.

We would like to recruit some new volunteers for the cleaning team. If you are available for 1 hour every 3 weeks on Thursdays at either 09:15am or 7pm. All help would be much appreciated. Please contact Pat Faille on 0208 429 3943 or email pat.faille@btinternet.com.

HILLINGDON FOOD BANK- Next collection **Tuesday 25th July**.



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Dear Parishioners,

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus speaks in mysterious and profound language about the real meaning and purpose of life. He tells us 'whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centred way do not accomplish their goal in life. Jesus points out that when we live selfishly, seeking to put our self above others, we risk losing what is most important in life; our very soul. On the contrary, if we live selflessly and seek to use our gifts to bring love to others, we find our true purpose in life and find fulfilment at the deepest level. Jesus is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus chooses to become human in response to his Father's will so that he himself may suffer greatly and be executed on a cross. How can we say that this is fulfilling for him? Because this sacrifice expressed the heart of who he is; Love itself. Love is always self-giving. Love is always fulfilling. Love always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfils the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God's own perfect fulfilment and satisfaction in his human nature because his death was an act of pure love. Let us reflect, today, upon the divine mission we have been given to lose our self for the sake of Christ, which is for the sake of true love. By loving God and others in this pure way, selflessly, we become who we really are. Let us pray for the grace to commit to live sacrificially, casting aside every doubt, so that we will never hesitate to love everyone. For in that radical act of selfless love, we will discover and become who we were created to be.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Day with Mary – On **Saturday 1st July** the parish will be hosting the Day with Mary which is a whole day of Holy Mass, Rosary, hymns, devotions, talks and prayers in honour of Our Lady. The day runs from 10am – 5.30pm, with Mass at the start of the day at 10am. (This will replace the normal parish Mass.) See the posters and leaflets for details. All are welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EASTCOTE invite you to the 30th Anniversary Celebration afternoon tea which will include a short service and AGM. On **Sunday 2nd July** at 4pm St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road. (garden behind the St Lawrence Centre. Please see poster in the narthex for further information. All welcome

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION – There will be a second collection this weekend for Peters Pence. The collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those he meets who are marginalized and most in need. Thank you for your support.

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity. We spoke at the end of each Mass last weekend and were delighted by the total given – a terrific £402.07. This will feed 20 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

St Vincent De Paul Society raffle: The National Fundraising Team are organising the Summer Raffle again this year. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. Last year over £43,000 was raised for the Society. Every single Summer Raffle ticket sold is another step towards helping people who need help the most. There will be an opportunity on **Saturday 8th & 9th July** to purchase tickets for the Summer Raffle. The draw will take place on 27th September 2023. If you would like to support SVP please contact Josien Sarratt email josiensarratt@hotmail.co.uk.

100 club Membership/renewal. If you would like to renew your 100 Club Draw Membership or become a new member, please pick up a New Membership form or renewal envelope which are available in the narthex. The first Draw of the new year will take place at the end of July 2023! Please place your completed form and envelope in the collection plate. Alternatively you can return to the Parish Office.

China Abortion Coercion Petition - SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) are organising a country-wide "Petition Day" at this time. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. The UK Government is giving away millions in aid which is available to support these practices. Over £60 million was sent to China between 2020-2021. SPUC produced very comprehensive report on this matter, titled COMPLICIT, which can be found here: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/complicit> The petition is intended to protest against these large amounts of tax-payers money being sent to China from England to support forced abortions and sterilisations, particularly amongst the minority populations. The petition will be presented to the Prime Minister. To sign this petition online please follow the link: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/complicit-petition>

Parish Organist required at St Thomas More Church.

We are seeking an Organist to play the required music for one or more 11.30am Sunday masses in the month. The music at the mass would consist of choral as well as congregational music. The organ is small but well maintained. Knowledge of the Roman Catholic rite is desirable but not essential.

The Organist's duties include performing at Sunday 11.30am Mass (from the second Sunday of September to the second Sunday of July inclusive each year, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter – excluding the first Sunday after Christmas and the Second Sunday of Easter. For more information on the principal duties, responsibilities and application please visit link <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-organist-st-thomas-more-eastcote/>

If you wish to complete an application offline, please contact Human Resources: humanresources@rcdow.org.uk.

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust We are holding a family friendly open day at Mount Vernon Hospital on **Saturday 8 July**, from **11am - 3pm**, as part of our NHS 75 celebrations. Entry is free, and there will be range of activities on offer including a bouncy castle, games, and a football tournament, as well as stalls offering information about healthcare services and careers in the NHS. We would be really grateful if you could share this information with anyone who might be interested in attending.

Apostleship of the Sea- Collection: Sea Sunday is **Sunday 9th July**. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.