

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, +THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**+ THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

### SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JOHN AND CHRIS KANE AND FAMILY RIP A

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR HELEN HINDE

### MONDAY 12TH JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

### TUESDAY 13TH JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DAN MCGILLICUDDY RIP LD

### WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM EVELYN MORAN RIP LD

### THURSDAY 15TH JUNE

9:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM NEVILLE O'SULLIVAN RIP

07:00PM CONFIRMATION SERVICE

### SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM BRIAN BERRY RIP A

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

**+ ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

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

09:30AM CATHLEEN WORRELL RIP

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: 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

John Kent.

## For those whose Anniversaries occur around this

time (Marie) Renee Blanshard, Rose Farrell, Mary Wheeler, John Tap and Claire O'Neill

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St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** 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 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am** and **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**. Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team, sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Hillingdon Food Bank Wish to thank parishioners for their generous donations in May, these were gratefully received. The total weight came to 164.9kg which would feed the equivalent of 8 families.

Next collection on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.



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Dear Parishioners,

“... This is my body... This is my blood... “

This Sunday, immediately following the feast of the Most Holy Trinity last week, the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi, when we remember especially the gift of the body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. In this gift, which we receive through the Holy Mass the entire mystery of our redemption is made present. St Pope John Paul II wrote that in the Holy Mass there is a ‘oneness in time’ that links the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to the moment when the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. That unity between each Mass and the Paschal Mystery ‘leads us to profound amazement and gratitude’ (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, #5). Do we sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do we realise as we attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire mystery of our redemption is made present before us, hidden from our eyes but visible to our soul by faith? Do we understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament? Let us reflect, today, upon this hidden but real mystery of Faith. Let us allow ourselves to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what we are privileged to attend. Let our faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. If we behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith we will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon us.

God bless you,

*Fr Martin*

**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.

**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 5pm – 6.30pm. All ages are welcome. Please call the parish office to register interest and to find out more [details.eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:details.eastcote@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 0208 866 6581.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER EASTCOTE** invite you to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration afternoon tea which will include a short service and AGM. On **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**HERB PLANT SALE THIS WEEKEND ONLY**- Various Herbs , Basil , Fennel and Parsley available! £1 a pot. Please return pots to Bernard Luckhurst. All funds raised towards the Grotto Appeal. Thank you for your support.

# Feast of St Thomas More



**Thursday 22nd June**  
**6pm Mass**

**followed by**

an international themed bring and share meal

## Come and celebrate our Patronal Feast

- ⇒ Starting with Mass and then moving into the hall at 7pm for a social with an international theme.
- ⇒ Experience the delights of dishes from around the world prepared for you by other parishioners from 7.15pm.
- ⇒ From 8.30pm relax and enjoy musical entertainment finishing at 9.30pm

**SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH**  
**FOR NUMBERS and FOOD**

Disposable plates, cutlery, napkins provided-or bring your own if you prefer.

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

## **Feast of St Thomas More**

Further to the announcements made at last weekend's masses and last night's planning meeting, we can now announce more details of our patronal feast celebration and 10 Years of Fr Martin's ordination to be held on **Thursday 22 June 2023**.

The mass will start at 6pm in which there will be musical accompaniment.

This will be followed by a bring and share meal in the church hall. The idea is that everyone brings something and we all share it. To reflect the international nature of our parish we are asking people to bring specific country dishes with a note of explanation.

Paper plates, napkins, disposable glasses and knives and forks will be provided but please bring your own drinks.

Lists will be available in the church this weekend, please sign up to indicate

- how many of you are coming
- what you are bringing
- if you can come at 5pm to help to set up
- if you can help and clear up at the end of the celebration

If you can't sign up physically, please mail the above information to the parish office

We are keen to encourage the wearing of national costumes especially for the children who will form the offertory procession.

Please pass this information to other parishioners who may not have heard the announcements so we can make the evening a real voice of thanks for our parish and Fr Martin.

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**Friends of the Holy Land.** We welcome Brendan Metcalfe, Executive Director of Friends of the Holy Land, this weekend and he 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](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk).

**Connex Community** welcomes you to come along and enjoy a 3 course Fish and Chip lunch, followed by bingo and other fun activities with refreshments. Cost £15 per ticket. To book a place please contact [Jeremey.Child@communityconnex.co.uk](mailto:Jeremey.Child@communityconnex.co.uk) or 07734 995 115. Please see poster in the narthex for further information.

**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](mailto:rmaude@blueyonder.co.uk) or text 07502 53 4444 at least 2 weeks before.