

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, +12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**\*\*100 CLUB\*\*** Winners of the June Draw to be announced this weekend! Good luck to all members!

## MASS INTENTIONS 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM ANN DOKE RIP

### TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT ANNA HILL

### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT FR MARTIN PLUNKETT

07:30PM (VIGIL OF SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES.) ANNE & PATRICK O'BRIEN RIP A

### THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE -SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES.

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING OF FR MARTIN PLUNKETT

### FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT ANNA HILL

### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM MARY BRADY RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

## + 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) SEAN PRUNTY RIP

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM INT KATHLEEN NODES

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

## Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Francisco Alberlado, Susan Prior, 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 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

Bianca Malheiros-Fauz

## For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Jack Durkin and Andrea Helen McWatt.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 28<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 - 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](mailto:pat.faille@btinternet.com).

HILLINGDON FOOD BANK- Next collection **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. Urgent request please, the food bank have run out of the following items Rice, Sauce, Noodles, Tea/coffee, Jam, sugar and the following **Tinned** items Tomatoes, Spaghetti, pudding and potatoes.



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Dear Parishioners,

‘Every hair on your head has been counted, so there is no need to be afraid’

This Sunday’s Gospel finds Jesus preparing the twelve Apostles for the persecutions that are to come. Jesus gives them hope and encouragement in his reassurance of the Father’s care for them so that they will not live in fear. Fear can consume a person when they lack faith in God’s care for them; allowing anxiety and worry to take hold. When we can keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus and dispel the attacks we receive in life, then we can remain confident in God’s truth and not be deterred by lies. By the way he speaks to his Apostles, we can see that Jesus is very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. For them, the fear would be a response to persecutions that they experience. However, persecution can come in many forms. There is the persecution issued against someone because of their faith. There is also the persecution from any time one person attempts to inflict some form of harm upon another, even if it is simply condemning them silently and secretly. Persecution can also be from within us, when we suffer fear, doubt, anxiety, depression, addiction and many other ways that evil tries to damage us and destroy our peace. Jesus gives his life for us as our Saviour by inviting to himself, all the persecution and troubles and torments that a person can face. Every wrong is dealt with in the mysterious relationship between the justice and mercy of God, taking place on the Cross. Let us reflect, today, upon any struggle we may have with fear. As we do, let us reflect upon Jesus’ words: ‘Every hair on your head has been counted, so there is no need to be afraid’ Let us not allow ourselves to be controlled by any persecution from within or without. Instead, let us remain confident in the truth, looking forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the justice and mercy of God.

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.

**Day with Mary** – On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Offertory basket** – From this weekend the offertory basket collection will be re-introduced at the time of the Offertory during mass. Thank you in advance for all your support and donations.

**Marys Meals Appeal** will take place 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June. We would like to a speaker who will share the Marys meals story and the work they do. It costs £19.15 to feed a child for a whole school year. Please see website for further information and ways to donate. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

**Feast of St Thomas More- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** followed by an international themed bring and share meal. Come and celebrate our Patronal Feast- 6pm Mass and then a social with an international theme in the parish hall. Experience the delights of dishes from around the world prepared for you by other parishioners. From 8:30pm relax and enjoy musical entertainment finishing at 09:30pm. Please see sign up sheet at the back of church for numbers and food. Bring your own drinks. Everyone welcome.

**Sacred Heart Primary School, Summer Fair Raffle-** On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** after 09:30am & 11:30am mass there will be an opportunity to purchase tickets for Sacred Heart school fair fundraiser. Members from the PTA will be available in the narthex and would be delighted if you feel you can support their school community by buying a ticket (or a book). Raffle tickets £1 each or £5 per book with some fantastic prizes on offer including a family ticket to Harry Potter World, Thorpe Park, plus many other great prizes. You are of course welcome to come along to the fair on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, 11am-3pm! Please see flyer in the narthex.

**Connex Community** – Next coffee morning in the Parish hall on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**, after 09:30am mass. All welcome- Opening with a Cup of Tea and Coffee and Get to know you. Biscuits will be served, 1030-1230 Yvonne Lee Relaxation Project and Psychology. 11:15-12:15 Musical Relaxation and Activity with Music Therapist Alan Watts. Bring Packed Lunch with u if u wish to eat and mingle until 13:00pm.

**Finance Committee** Are you in a position to support Fr Martin and the Finance Committee? We are currently looking for new and enthusiastic members to join our friendly team. This is a valuable example of collaborative ministry. You do not have to be of a financial background. If you would like to hear more, please contact Karen Berry – Chair of the Finance Committee, or speak with Fr. Martin directly.

**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.

**Flower Festival- St Lawrence Church Eastcote-** Come and see 26 beautiful floral art arrangement on the theme Renewal, Transition & Hope, to celebrate the renewal of the church building on **23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> June**. Please see poster in the narthex for further information.

**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

**PETERS PENCE COLLECTION** – There will be a second collection weekend of **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July** 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.

**CAFOD Diocese of Westminster- job vacancy**

Community Participation Co-ordinator – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page. [cafod.org.uk/jobs](https://cafod.org.uk/jobs) (Closing Date 25/6/2023).

## History of St Thomas More parish

Dear Parishioners,

I am researching the past of our Parish with a view to writing a definitive history that may prove interesting for present and future parishioners.

To this end I would welcome any thoughts and experiences that you, individually, may have, the names and dates of priests that have served St Thomas More, even for a brief period, would be particularly valuable and although I have some knowledge I am certain that others could fill in gaps.

Before and after the building of the current church in 1978 there were a number of activities that helped cement the religious and social fabric of our congregation that exists today. From dances and quiz evenings and art and flower exhibitions much has been achieved and I would wish to make reference to these events in the narrative with, hopefully, photographs and maybe original literature. If you are able to help please contact me as below and do not assume that others will have already contributed your information. As an example, the STM (St Thomas More) Club was a focal point of the parish for many years but do you know who was in charge? Equally, there was a 'Toddlers' group, a Montessori school, Scouts and Brownies and various committees that have helped in the past.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail, note or telephone call if you have something to offer or can help in any way; I need reminding of past occasions so I would appreciate as much information as possible. I can do the research but just need the bones of the event or occasion to start.

Many thanks.

Bernard Luckhurst

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### **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](mailto:humanresources@rcdow.org.uk).

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