

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 9TH JULY, +14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## MASS INTENTIONS

+ 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

### MONDAY 10TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT GORDON WALLACE RIP LD

### TUESDAY 11TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT JUDY DOKE

### WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

09:30-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM FR ANTON MATTHIAS RIP

### THURSDAY 13TH JULY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 14TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT ANNA HILL

### SATURDAY 15TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

10:00AM BERNIE MINOLI RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 16TH JULY

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

09:30AM BRIGID RULTLEDGE RIP LD

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;** 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 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**

Patrick (Patsy) Finan.

### **For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time**

Madaleine Horsburgh, Michael Dunleavy and Gary Pike

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

**The Life Ascending Group** meeting next on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> July** at **7pm** and **20<sup>th</sup> July** at **09:15am**. Please do check the Narthex for dates.

**MASS NOTICE** Please note that from **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** mass will be commence at **09:30am**.

**HILLINGDON FOOD BANK**- Next collection **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**.



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Dear Parishioners,

“Come to me, all you who labour and are over-burdened, and I will give you rest.”

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus invites those 'who labour and are over-burdened' to come to him and to carry instead the light and easy yoke that he gives. Jesus is speaking in the context of those among the scribes and Pharisees who had so distorted the practice of the Jewish faith that it had become a burden that was too difficult to carry. In contrast, Jesus' new law of love is light, easy and liberating. When we consider Jesus' many teachings, do we see them as easy to follow? Or do they seem to be too much at times? Jesus himself says: 'my yoke is easy, and my burden light', so we can be certain that they must be possible. Jesus not only calls us to spiritual and moral perfection, but also gives us the means by which we can obtain it. By witnessing to a life of pure love to the point of sacrifice and then taking the burden of our weaknesses and sins on the Cross, Jesus opens up a new way for us of mercy and grace; to find our path through life and home to God. When we find some obligation in this life too difficult or even overwhelming, then it is an opportunity to rely upon the grace that God has given us through Jesus to fulfil his commands. Let us reflect, today, upon Jesus' gentle invitation to us to embrace the 'yoke' of his perfection. Let us see it as a joyous invitation from our Lord, through which God not only calls us to the heights of holiness, but also provides us with the means to obtain it. With faith in his almighty power and love we can open ourselves more fully so that we will be able to do anything and everything our Lord asks of us with freedom and joy.

God bless you,  
*Fr Martin*

**Apostleship of the Sea- Collection:** Sea Sunday this **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](http://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.

**10 Year Anniversary of Ordination of Priesthood** Dear Parishioners – it has been with great joy and gratitude that I have been able to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood this year with all the parish of St Thomas More. I would like to say how grateful I am to be serving here and how much a privilege it is to be among the wonderful people of Eastcote. Thank you so much for helping me to celebrate this moment together. Thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts and the exceedingly generous collection taken for me. God bless you, Fr Martin

**Parish Administrator – Eastcote, St Thomas More Parish** - An exciting opportunity has risen for an enthusiastic and creative individual as Parish Administrator at St Thomas More Parish in Eastcote to work closely with the parish priest. In addition to undertaking typical administrative duties such as handling general correspondence and diary management and finances, s/he will also be responsible for interacting with parishioners visiting the office and those involved in parish activities. This post may be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) **Hours of work:** 20 hours per week, Mon - Thurs: 9.00 - 2.00pm. **Salary:** £13 per hour. **Closing date:** Monday, 31st July 2023. **Interview date:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. For the full job description please go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**Table Top sale** – The parish will be holding a Table top sale in the church grounds on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** from 11:30am. Please note there is no need to donate any items, this is purely a clearing of items exercise from parish storage. Do pop by to pick up a bargain! All donations to the Grotto Appeal.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July** to purchase tickets for the Summer Raffle. The draw will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023. If you would like to support SVP please contact Josien Sarratt email [josiensarratt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:josiensarratt@hotmail.co.uk).



### **History Corner**

As part of a History research project for St Thomas More Parish, we are looking for Photos of the original old Church. Do you have any photos of inside or outside? Perhaps you may have in your own photo albums, old images of your children's sacraments that took place there?

If so please contact Bernard Luckhurst email [bernardluckhurst@btopenworld.com](mailto:bernardluckhurst@btopenworld.com) or (020) 8866 7706.

### **Community Shield Award**

Dear All,

The Parish was contacted this week by The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens and advised that their Community Shield this year has been awarded to the gardeners of our parish for their work in transforming the grounds of our estate into a pleasing visual display that benefits the whole of the local community.

Their committee considered several possible recipients and determined that St Thomas More Church grounds were of such attraction that passer-by paused to enjoy the view and take the opportunity to come in and explore further. It was considered such a meaningful asset that it merited this year's award of a shield (which we hold for the year) and certificate of excellence.

It is exciting news that our gardeners have been recognised in this way for a four-year long project that has been said to have brought our parish grounds into such an attraction that the dedicated volunteers who keep our local Eastcote House Grounds so pristine a condition wish to embrace and honour St Thomas More by bestowing their annual award on us.

We also embrace those many parishioners and others who sponsored and supported our gardens project for, without their encouragement both financial and vocal, the end result could not have been achieved and this award bestowed.

There will be a formal presentation of the shield and certificate by the Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon on **10<sup>th</sup> September** at about 1pm at the Heritage Day event held in Eastcote House Gardens; all are invited.

Thank you again to everyone who can rightly enjoy this plaudit.

Sincerely and with many thanks.

Madaline and Bernard