

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 16TH JULY, +15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS

+ 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

MONDAY 17TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FEI YOUNG RIP LD

TUESDAY 18TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM EDWARD (TED) RIST RIP A

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM NORMAN DOSEY RIP LD

THURSDAY 20TH JULY

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

FRIDAY 21ST JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM COLLEEN LACEY RIP

SATURDAY 22ND JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT YVONNE BYRNE

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 23RD JULY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) GERALDINE WALLACE RIP
09:30AM IAN FITZGERALD RIP
11:30AM ANN GERAGHTY RIP A

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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, 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

Moira Bennett

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Edward (Ted) Rist, Patrick Wheeler, Tom Groarke, Reg Heaney and Brigid Mead.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 23rd July** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 26th 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.



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Dear Parishioners,

‘This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see
and hear but do not listen or understand.’

On this 15th Sunday of the year we hear the parable of the Sower, encouraging us to be rich soil where the seed of God’s word can grow fruitfully. In the parable the seed fell on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and in rich soil. Only the seed on the rich soil grew and produced good fruit. Jesus teaches that there were many who heard his word and witnessed his miracles but failed to allow either his words or his works to reach them. When we look at our life and how we are practicing our faith, what do we see from year to year? Was there a time when we were stronger in our faith and more generous in our response to God’s call? Or when we look back do we see that the Lord has continuously given us more and more, leading us to a life of true spiritual riches? Has the Gospel entered not only our ears, but also our mind and our understanding? Do we both see and perceive the action of God in our life and in the world around us? Are we actively engaged with the life of grace and find that we grow closer to God every day? The greatest ‘parable’ of our faith is the image of the Son of God on the Cross; come to carry our sorrows and sufferings. Let us reflect, today, on how we allow this sign of God’s infinite love for each one of us to touch and change our hearts. As we reflect upon our own faith journey, let us recommit our self to a generous embrace of the Gospel so that our soul will be truly rich soil that continually produces an abundance of good fruit.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Table Top sale – The parish will be holding a Table top sale in the church grounds on **Saturday 22nd 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.

Friends of the Holy Land- Thank you

A message of thanks.... ‘Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £662.80 through the church collections, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.’

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.

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 or (020) 8866 7706.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue : Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon

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.

Ways to Donate to the Parish Please remember the Digital collection plate, contactless terminal in the church entrance. A simple way to donate, especially if you don't carry cash! Just use your contactless debit/credit card, smart phone/device to make donations. You can also opt in to GIFT AID to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift AID means that an extra 25p for every £1 received. Alternatively you may prefer to set up a regular standing order, the forms can be found on the Narthex table and there is an opportunity to GIFT AID your donations. Thank you for your support.

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 to register interest and to find out more details.

Parish Office- will be closed from **Tuesday 18th July**- re-opening on **Wednesday 26th July**. If you have an urgent matter please contact the priest who will be covering the daily mass whilst Fr Martin is on annual leave. Thank you.

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 4th August. For the full job description please go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Farewell from Parish Administrator Dear Parishioners, I just wished to inform you that sadly I will be leaving St Thomas More Parish in August. I would like to give thanks to you all and to Fr Martin for allowing me to be part of a wonderful parish. I feel very blessed to have worked here and have got to know so many of you. I have been offered a new opportunity to continue working in the Diocese of Westminster, so I will not be too far away and hope to keep in touch. God bless you always, Liz Duignan.