St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 23rd JULY, +16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS
+ 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

MONDAY 24TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM LUKE KOLAKOWSKI RIP

TUESDAY 25TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM BERNIE MINOLI RIP

THURSDAY 27TH JULY
10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 28TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PATRICK GUILFOYLE RIP

SATURDAY 29TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MICK CULLOTY RIP LD
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 30TH JULY
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT BERNADETTE DARCY
09:30AM INT ANNABELLE TIMILSINA
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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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, 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 and Susan Prior.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time
Joan Lines, Michael Power and Roy Redrup.

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 and Thursday **20th July** at **09:15am and Thursday 3rd August** at **7pm** Please do check the Narthex for dates.

Parish Administrator Required– Eastcote, St Thomas More Parish - Mon - Thurs: 9.00 - 2.00pm. **Salary:** £15 per hour. **Closing date:** Monday, 31st July 2023. **Interview date:** Friday 4th August. please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/ for further information.

the Pastor's corner

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Dear Parishioners,

'He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.'

In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus uses a familiar image of seeds being sowed to teach us about the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus also warns about 'some enemy…' sowing weeds amid the wheat. We can see our own souls as the fertile soil and we are entrusted with the task of guarding and protecting them. God's Word has been planted in us but we can allow ourselves to believe errors which lead to conflict and confusion. We can learn to guard our souls from lies by relying upon the teachings of our Church and the example of the saints. One common tactic of the enemy is to subtly mix lies with the truth. Since the field is the world, we all have a duty to keep the lies of the enemy from flourishing. To do that, we are called to confront the errors we encounter. This means desiring to protect the Church, our communities, friends and families from the grave errors of our times and also the more subtle ones. Jesus has offered himself as a sacrifice of love on the Cross for us, so that we will see the value of our own worth and be given perfect example of giving everything for the sake of truth and love. Let us reflect, today, upon our sacred duty to be vigilant and constantly on the lookout for the seed of error sown within our world, the Church and our own soul. Vigilance is key. The enemy is always on the prowl. If we are to learn one of the central messages of this week's parable, it is to learn to guard and protect all that God has revealed and hold firmly to his truth and love alone. 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.

Apostleship of the Sea- Thank you for all your support, the parish raised £66.20.

Peters Pence- Thank you for your generosity. The parish appeal on 2nd July raised an amazing £330.78!

Altar of Our Lady- You may have noticed a new Sanctuary lamp on the wall by the Altar of Our Lady. A beautiful sapphire Blue Glass Candle Holder with a handcrafted wrought iron holder. This has been donated by a very generous and thoughtful parishioner in memory of a special Aunt and Uncle. Thank you from all the Parish.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Spaces are still available on the annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which takes place from 19th to 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow. Costs are £2265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential. Booking forms are available from Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at www.tangey-tours.com/WHL A poster is attached

Altar Servers' Masses -The annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers will take place on **Saturday, 7th October** at **2.30pm** in the Westminster Cathedral. All altar servers are invited to attend and to vest in the Cathedral Hall in order to be ready to process by 2pm.