St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 30TH JULY, +17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Good luck to all our members!! Winners will be announced this weekend. If you would like to renew, please pick up a membership form in the narthex and return asap to Parish office. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS
+ 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

MONDAY 31ST JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM DAVID JONES RIP

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MICHAEL HILL RIP A

WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SARAH DIBBLE RIP LD
11:30AM REQUIEM MASS MOIRA BENNETT RIP

THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST
10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM EILEEN MCSHANE RIP A

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CHARLOTTE WEST & STUART JONES
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) BRIGID MEAD RIP A
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM MOIRA BENNETT RIP

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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, Susan Prior and John David Keane

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Emmanuel Luz, John Plackett, Michael Hill, Kathleen O'Brien, Danaraja Singaravelu

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St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 3rd September** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. Please note there will be no meetings during the month of August.

Church Cleaning Team – Reminder of the next cleaning dates are **Thursday 3rd August** at **7pm and Thursday 10th August at 9:15am.** 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.

Table Top sale –Thank you to everyone who attended the Table Top Sale last weekend. The parish raised £160!

the Pastor's corner

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Dear Parishioners,

"The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us varied images to explain the mystery of the Kingdom of God which he has come to bring us. In one of the examples he uses Jesus says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that gathers 'fish of every kind'. Jesus uses this image to tell us that, at the end of the age, the good and the bad will be gathered together and allocated a destiny based on how they have lived. For those who have sought goodness and love there will be unending joy within the glories of Heaven. For others there will be a return of suffering in response to the selfishness which they chose in their lives. This must be understood to help us deeply desire to be able to share in the riches of grace and happiness in heaven. Anticipation of such a gift should motivate us to diligently seek out the many blessings God wishes to bestow upon us. Sometimes we need a nudge because we can easily become complacent in our life of faith and our search for God's will. For that reason, Jesus includes this parable, outlining the awful consequences some may endure at the end of time. Though it might not be a happy thought, it is a holy thought because it reveals God's definitive judgment at the end of time. Jesus gave his life so that we would have both the perfect example of a good life and also the means to start again when we fail to live rightly. The means to rediscover the true path through life through God's loving grace and mercy. Let us reflect, today, upon the generous love of God. Let us desire to make obtaining the Kingdom of Heaven our sole mission in life. Life begins again every time we realise how much God loves us. May his love be our inspiration and guide and lead us safely home to heaven at the end of our days.

God bless you, *Fr Martin*

Congratulations and many blessings for one of our parishioners - Bishop John Sherrington visited the parish recently on 2nd July this year to celebrate Holy Mass and present Jacquie Scott with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal (awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church). Our former parish priest Fr John Deehan, who is still Chairman of St Vincent's Nursing Home, nominated Jacquie for the medal to acknowledge her dedication in supporting the redevelopment of St Vincent's and her faithful and diligent work there for many years. The home, situated in the bounds of our parish, is a beautiful example of the ethos of Catholic social care and has won many awards, largely thanks to Jacquie's guidance and leadership in her role there as General Manager. We are very pleased that her hard work has been honoured in this way and very happy for Jacquie. Well done!

Funeral of Moira Bennett RIP -will take place on **Wednesday 2nd August** at **11:30am** followed by Committal at Breakspear Crematorium. Moira's family would very much like to welcome all the parishioners and friends who wish to attend the Requiem mass and Crematorium. There will be refreshments served after the mass in the parish hall, please do come along and share your memories of Moira and celebrate her life.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a **Divine Mercy Retreat at St John Fisher,** 80 Imperial Close, Harrow HA2 7LW on **Saturday 9th September** from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. No advance booking or registration required".

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS A NEW SECRETARY

We are looking for a new secretary for the PPC to replace Cheryl Cardoso, who has stepped down after many years of service.

The PPC advises Fr Martin on the pastoral side of the parish - spiritual growth of children and adults, participation in the work and life of the parish, including through social events and reaching out to others across and outside the parish.

It's a role that offers a deeper insight into the pastoral life of the parish.

The duties of the secretary include thinking ahead to help with the preparation of agendas, attendance and participation at our meetings, producing minutes of our meetings and tracking action points. We meet about three or four times a year for up to 90 minutes. The next meeting is on the evening of 26 September at 8pm.

No particular experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to be involved in the pastoral issues of our parish.

If this opportunity interests you, please arrange to speak with Cheryl Cardoso (Cheryl_Cardoso@hotmail.co.uk) and me to find out more about what is involved.

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Yamaha Baby Grand Piano GCI - Message from Parishioner Elizabeth Johnson

The Yamaha Baby Grand Piano GC1 model used to be owned and played by my husband who passed away last year, the dimension is "151cm by 146cm". It was last tuned sometime last year before he passed. She's about 3 years old and in an impeccable condition.

I'm moving my properties to Rutland and I don't think my husband will be happy if I sell this piano, at the same time, I am settling for a home of lesser space, so I'm hoping to give it out to someone who is a passionate lover of the instrument. I wasn't going to leave it alone in an empty house.

The Piano is currently in storage in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland with the movers I employed to move my properties from my house. The movers can deliver anywhere. Please see poster in the narthex , with photos of the piano.

If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Johnson email elizabeth_johnson@anfarrm.com