MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

11th to 18th September 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT. PAULINE FITZGERALD
TUES	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDWARD GORMAN RIP AND INT. CATH GORMAN THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
WED	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT. YVONNE BYRNE ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
THURS	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
FRI	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT. LAUREN BENSTED OUR LADY OF SORROWS
SAT	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT. LIZ DUIGNAN & FAMILY **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION** ST CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOPS, MARTYRS
SUN 24TH ORD		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PATRICK O ROURKE RIP INT. SAMRAAT TIMILSINA FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD- EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS- The Parish was contacted recently 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.

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. Anthony Inglese Chair, PPC anthony.inglese@btinternet.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on Sunday 17th September after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

Church Cleaning: Please check the Narthex for dates.

Hillingdon Food Bank – Next collection Tuesday 19th September 2023. They are in need of tea/coffee, sauces, rice, juice, long life milk, tinned fruit, toilet roll.

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 +23rd Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

9th / 10th SEPTEMBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
JOHN PATRICK DONNELY
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INT BILL SMYTH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

Harriet Perry, Laura Swan, Kerri Hepworth, Yvonne Grasso, Hilda Minoli, Mary Cullen, 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 Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

Peggy McMahon and Norma Kolakowska.

(Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list)

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Hilarie Lemon, Philip O'Donogue, Claire Polsinelli, Hanna Witterstein, Anita Burrows

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Robert James Moynihan



Dear parishioners,

'Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

In this week's Gospel reading we hear Jesus teaching about how to apply his commandments of love to the specifics of relationships – especially when things threaten to go wrong! Do we think relationships are basically hard work? We certainly need profound love and wisdom to manage all relationships well. It is perhaps easier to start relationships with people, but more difficult sometimes to build and sustain a good relationships. To what extent are we able to sit down and have an honest conversation with people we love? What do we do when we find out someone else's behaviour and habits are affecting their lives at a profound level; at work, in commitments to family and friends, in their physical and spiritual well-being?

This week the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the need to take responsibility for each other – being each other's keeper. As brothers and sisters who are all God's children, each one has a responsibility to express our concerns about the other, especially on serious matters. This is also true for the proclamation of the Gospel to the wider society, to speak of God's truth and love to the culture around us to advocate for the weakest and most vulnerable; the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, the poor and marginalised. Jesus promises this week that when people meet in communion in his name then he is among us. Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the grave so that his love could unite us, beyond the damaging effects of evil, sin and death. Let us reflect this week how we can respond to the call to witness to the truth and goodness of God, with a deep sense love, humility, respect and genuine concern for every person. When we set out to offer a better way to live, integrating that way into our own lives, God can speak through us to others and draw us all together to be members of his kingdom of love.

God Bless Fr Martin

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families. TBNG will be grateful for any support that can be given.

COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD- EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS- There will be a formal presentation of the shield and certificate by the Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon on **10TH SEPTEMBER** at about 1pm at the Heritage Day event held in Eastcote House Gardens; all are invited. (Please see reverse for more about the award)

LONDON OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL St Luke's Catholic Church in Pinner is participating this year. You can visit the church this **SATURDAY OR SUNDAY (9/10 SEPTEMBER)** between 1 and 5pm to see their displays, have an architectural/historical tour and a coffee or tea. All Welcome.

100 CLUB WINNERS: Moira O'Rourke, Michael Darcy, Martin Farrell– Congratulations.

Thank you for your offerings to help the upkeep of the church. Donations can also be made using this scan code