

## SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023 + 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT + CHRISTMAS

DAY		MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
SUN 24TH	4TH SUN ADVENT	6 PM SAT	FRANCIS & MICHAEL POWER AND BRIGID MEAD RIP
		10.30AM	JOHN MCLOUGHLIN RIP
9.40PM	 CAROLS	6.00PM	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> LORRAINE BURTON
		10.00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MON 25TH		10.30AM	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



*Peace & Joy  
at Christmas  
Time*

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and blessings to everyone in the parish of St Thomas More Church Eastcote at this Christmas time! May the light of the new born Jesus shine radiantly into all of our lives. May the hope and promise which Jesus comes to bring us encourage us deeply to believe that we are firmly established in the care of our loving eternal Father. May we feel close to the Holy Family of Bethlehem who suffered hardship, uncertainty and poverty as they trusted lovingly in God's plan revealed through their divine Son. Jesus is the greatest gift we will ever receive and he has given everything for us, including his own life on a Cross, that we might know the love God has for each and every one of us. May our prayers also strengthen those who are suffering especially at this time, both nearby and throughout all the world, especially because of loneliness or economic hardship or the violence due to war. We remember particularly the suffering people of the Holy Land in these difficult days. Let us be consoled with the promises of our faith, that Jesus our Lord is 'Emmanuel', God-with-us, and that he is close to our whole world in all our needs. Let us be united in faith and encouraged that God has given us our parish as a source of love and support in our lives. I wish everyone a very blessed and peaceful Christmas celebration.

*God Bless You, Fr Martin*

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

#### SICK PARISHIONERS

Gloria Lewis, Betty O'Neill, Pauline Fitzgerald, Audrey Farrell 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, Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Alfred Cook, Alan Goodwin, Derek Bensted, Saturnino Pereira,



#### THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY AND THE CRIB

burns this coming week for

**Fr Martin and his family**

#### ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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## MASS TIMES

26th December -31st December 2023

## SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2023 + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH +

1st January - 7th January 2024

DAY	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>TUES</b> <b>26TH</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <b>ST STEPHEN</b>
<b>WED</b> <b>27TH</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <b>ST JOHN THE APOSTLE</b>
<b>THURS</b> <b>28TH</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	EDWARD GORMAN RIP <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>
<b>FRI</b> <b>29TH</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> CHURCH OPEN 10 AM—11 AM	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT</b> <b>30TH</b>	<b>9.30AM</b>	INTS NORA CAIN
<b>SUN</b> <b>31ST</b>	<b>6 PM SAT</b>	ELLEN COYLE
	<b>9.30AM</b>	BETTY & DEREK BENSTED RIP
<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>11.30 AM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON</b> <b>1ST</b>	9.00AM	<b>9.30AM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
<b>TUES</b> <b>2ND</b>	9.00AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS CATH GORMAN
<b>WED</b> <b>3RD</b>	9.00AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS MARY QUINN <b>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b>
<b>THURS</b> <b>4TH</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	EILEEN BAKER RIP
<b>FRI</b> <b>5TH</b>	10—11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT</b> <b>6TH</b>	9.00AM	<b>9.30AM</b>	FR ANTHONY MATTHIAS RIP
<b>SUN</b> <b>7TH</b>	<b>EPIPHANY</b> 	<b>6PM SAT VIGIL</b> <b>9.30AM</b> <b>11.30AM</b>	ANN BEVAN RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH CARMEL GUILFOYLE

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Peter Blanshard, Brian Morris,  
Josephine Peter, Ernest Walsh.

### DATES FOR OUR DIARY

**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**—meeting  
next on **Wednesday 10th January** at  
2.30pm in the Library and every  
fortnight thereafter. Their welcome  
extends to all Christians in their  
middle to later years.

**FOODBANK** The next collection will  
be Tuesday 16th January 2024.

### THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY AND THE CRIB



burns this coming week  
from 6th January for

Edward Gorman RIP  
and for the Ints of Nora Cain



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