

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

15th January –21st January 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 15TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS EILEEN BAKER
<b>TUES 16TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	RITA AND PATRICK
<b>WED 17TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b> <b>12 NOON</b>	INTS PATRICK MASSEY FUNERAL -DENIS QUIGLEY RIP
<b>THURS</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	INTS CORA AND TARA
<b>FRI 19TH</b>	10 AM 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT 20TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS PAT FAILLE <b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS</b>
<b>SUN 21ST</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY ORD. TIME</b>	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING</b> <b>9.30AM</b> <b>11.30AM</b>	JAMES TOMLINSON RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH EDWARD & MICHAEL MURCHAN RIP

FOR MORE PARISH INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR: E ALERTS,  
NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL, LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES ,  
VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE [HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/)  
EASTCOTE/

## St Thomas More Catholic Church

32 Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QT

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Martin Plunkett

**PARISH OFFICE:** Mon—Thurs 9.30 to 12 noon **Administrator:** Tessa Maude

**Tel.** 0208 866 6581 **E mail:** [Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk)



**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**— As we start the international week and the Octave for Christian Unity on the 18th January, we reflect and pray on this years chosen theme **'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'** (Lk 10:27) and the parable of the Good Samaritan. More details can be found on the National Churches Together in England website <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2024/> as we join in prayer with other Christians around the world. St Thomas More is a member of the local Churches Together In Eastcote,- the next union with our neighbouring churches will be the joint lent course, sign up details for which will be available shortly.

**100 CLUB**— The draw for December took place last weekend. Winning numbers are 86— Gary Smith, 11— Fiona Cole, 8-Margaret Daltrey. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy from this weekend. Congratulations to the winners.

**RED MISSIO BOXES**—If you have a mission box, please bring it to church so that it can be emptied and counted. These can be left in the sacristy.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS**—The parish would like to extend grateful thanks to Anna Ellul, who for many years has overseen and coordinated coffee after the 9.30 mass and other events. As she steps back, we welcome Meghan who has offered to take up this role, so that together with the other volunteers on the rota, we can continue to offer coffee and tea each week after mass.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** —There are still a few things remaining from the Christmas Fayre, which are available at the back of church for a donation. Please take a look this weekend and make an offering. The total we have raised to date towards parish costs, is **£1404.71 plus £81.95** from the sale of Christmas Cards donated by Edwin, which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped organise and attended.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Foodbank**- Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 16th January**.

**Funeral Service** -the funeral of the late Denis Quigley will take place on **Wednesday 17th January** at 12 noon in the church.

**St Vincent De Paul** -will meet in the Library after the 9.30 am Mass on **Sunday 21st January** All are welcome to come along and see what they do, to help those in need of support locally.

**Life Ascending Group**—meeting next on **Wednesday 24th January** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**SPUC white flower appeal**— There will be a second collection, at all the masses on the weekend of **27th and 28th January**.

## SUNDAY 14th January 2024 +2nd Sunday Ordinary Time+

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

13TH/14TH JANUARY

06:00PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9.30AM GLORIA GREGORY RIP

11.30AM INTS ELEANOR, JEAN & ALISON



### 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 McMahan, Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,

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

Emile Potts, John Carey, John Jeffries



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

burns this coming week for in loving memory of

**Michael Murphy**

Dear Parishioners,

*Andrew found his own brother Simon and told him "We have found the Messiah"*

To start us off in this period of Ordinary Time in our liturgical year, this Sunday we hear about the calling of the first Disciples. Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist who directed him to Jesus by saying "Behold, the Lamb of God." After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon, to tell him. Andrew enthusiastically tells Simon, "We have found the Messiah." Then, once Simon meets Jesus, he also becomes his disciple and his name is changed to 'Peter'. In God's plan of salvation, God often uses the help of others to help us to discover him. God asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of his divine Son and eventually made her our heavenly Mother also. Through the mediation of so many saints who act as intercessors and also countless angels we also receive so much. God is the source of all but uses this heavenly help to give his grace to us all. All this can now happen because Jesus is revealed as Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus shares our human life in such a way that God can draw close to each of us. Never is he more close to us than when he carries all our infirmities with him to the Cross and there wins our redemption. Now God also uses each one of us to bring about his kingdom, each time we speak his words or witness to him through our actions. Who knows how many people God wants to reach out to through us? Let us reflect, today, upon the sacred calling we have all received through our baptism to act as mediators of his grace and mercy. Let us also give thanks for all those God has inspired to help us to know his love on our own journey. God invites each of us to this mission. Let us commit to following him at the start of this year so that we, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace in our lives.

*God Bless you, Fr Martin*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024**– The First Holy Communion programme starts today Sunday 14th January after the 9.30am Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** If your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 12pm, forms are now available to complete at the back of church to join the programme that starts in the New Year. Please return to the parish office by the **end of January**.

