

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

22nd January—28th January 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 22ND</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS JUDY AND ERIC DOKE <b>ST VINCENT</b>
<b>TUES 23RD</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS SHEILA JONES
<b>WED 24TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS HILDA MINOLI <b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES</b>
<b>THURS 25TH</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	INTS BERNARD CONNIE AND FAMILY <b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</b>
<b>FRI 26TH</b>	10 AM 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT 27TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	OLIVER & DANNY MCSHANE RIP <b>ST ANGELA MERICI CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS</b>
<b>SUN 28TH</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME</b>	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING 9.30AM 11.30AM</b>	INTS MICALLEF FAMILY PEOPLE OF THE PARISH GRAZIELLA OLIVERO RIP

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## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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**OCTAVE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** As the octave for Christian Unity continues this week, we have reflected and prayed on this year's chosen theme **'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'** (Luke 10:27) and the parable of the Good Samaritan. On the concluding day, 25th January the Feast of the conversion of St Paul the Apostle, we are encouraged to reflect on the words in the Luke passage, "Go and do likewise" and what this means for us in our lives. Further resources can be found, together with daily readings and prayers for the Octave on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/christian-unity/> (The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE LENT GROUPS.** As every year, CTE are arranging Lent groups to bring together people from our different churches to learn, discuss and share together. This year's groups will be following "Life Source" by Robert Warren and Kate Bruce, which focuses on prayer. The aim of the course is to encourage us to discover a new-found joy and delight in prayer, using different approaches drawn from our rich Christian heritage and a range of activities and Bible sources. The cost of the booklet is £7.50 and everyone attending a group will need to have a copy. There are two options: Tuesdays 2-3.30pm at Pinner Methodist Church or Tuesdays 8-9.30pm at St Thomas More. You can sign up either via the online link <https://forms.gle/F3u3upwHDPZE98> or by signing a paper form at the back of church. Please sign up by **4th February** so that we can contact you in advance of the first session, which will be on **Tuesday 20th February**.

**CHURCH LINEN AND PURIFICATORS** Can you spare some time every few weeks to collect the small linen/cotton purificators and cloths used at Holy Mass—to wash and iron them and return to the sacristy. This could be shared on a rota basis if there are enough volunteers. Many hands make light work. Please let the parish office or Fr Martin know if you would be willing to be a part of the team.

**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.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK** There are a few spare copies of the new 2024 book for sale at the back of church. cost £5.00.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY** - This will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm for couples in the Diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend this Mass at the Cathedral and participate in this ceremony to celebrate a wedding anniversary.

## SUNDAY 21st January 2024 +3rd Sunday Ordinary Time+

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

20TH/21ST JANUARY

06:00PM JAMES TOMLINSON RIP

9.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM EDWARD & MICHAEL MURCHAN RIP



### 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

James Tomlinson, Constantino Mascarenhas, Norah Donnelly, Joseph McConnell, John Philpott

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



has been donated this coming week

by Ann Green and burns

for the intentions of

**Kitty Power**

on the occasion of her 97th Birthday.

Dear Parishioners,

*This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'*

This Sunday we hear Jesus begin his public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil in the desert. As Jesus begins his ministry, he declares: *'This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel'*. The beginning of Jesus' public ministry was, historically speaking, the time of fulfilment, because the new era of the Gospel of grace had begun. However, the 'time of fulfilment' is also each time we ourselves hear the Gospel and respond with our lives. This is done by repenting of our sins and becoming a more committed member of God's Kingdom. The word 'fulfilled' can be contrasted with its opposite 'unfulfilled.' When we find ourselves unfulfilled we often try to fill this void with so many things: power, pleasures, prestige, possessions... Our faith tells us however, that true fulfilment is only found in the Gospel, the message of truth that Jesus shared during his three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by his sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed his words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfilment that they seek. This is because we are made in the image of God who is love. Only love will truly fulfil us and protect us from evil and fear. Let us reflect, today, upon our own interior desire for fulfilment in life. How do we try to fulfil this desire? Do we allow false solutions to our needs such as pride or wealth? Let us reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse ourselves in his Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfilment in life.

*God Bless you, Fr Martin*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**-will meet in the Library after the 9.30 am Mass this weekend, **Sunday 21st January** All are welcome to come along and see what they do, to help those in need of support locally.

**SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**- There will be a second collection, after all the masses next weekend **27th and 28th January** for the annual appeal of for SPUC.

**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 shortly. Please return to the parish office by the **end of January**.

**CANDLEMAS -PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD** There will be a week day mass on Friday 2nd February at 9.30 AM to celebrate Candlemas.

