

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

5th February to 11th February 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 5TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	BERTHA NODDER RIP <b>ST AGATHA</b>
<b>TUES 6TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	THOMAS DUNNE AND ROGER WILLIE RIP <b>ST PAUL MIKI</b>
<b>WED 7TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS YVONNE BYRNE
<b>THURS 8TH</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COYNE FAMILY <b>ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA</b>
<b>FRI 9TH</b>	10 TO 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT 10TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	LIAM POTTS RIP <b>EXPOSITION AFTER MASS</b> <b>NO CONFESSIONS</b> <b>ST SCHOLASTICA</b>
<b>SUN 11TH</b>	<b>6TH SUN-DAY ORD. TIME</b>	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING</b> <b>9.30AM</b> <b>11.30AM</b>	GERALDINE AND GORDON WALLACE RIP RAYMOND SWAINE RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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## 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



**PANCAKES SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY AFTER 9.30 MASS.** Next Sunday, members of the local **Catenian Association** will be serving coffee and pancakes for the parish after 9.30 mass, in readiness for Lent that starts on 14th February. Please come along and enjoy the morning feast and be imaginative with your toppings! All ages welcome.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** – St Matthew’s Parish in Northwood is running a 6 week course for adults wishing to offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) method of religious formation to children 3-6 years of age. Led by CGS trainers in the parish hall, the course will run on 6 Saturdays 9am - 5pm from 16 March to 7 Sept costing £225. Our parish would be willing to sponsor any parishioners who are interested. For further information, please email Melinda at: [cgsnorthwood@gmail.com](mailto:cgsnorthwood@gmail.com) or to learn more about the CGS and training as a catechist in this method visit: [www.cgsuk.org](http://www.cgsuk.org) or [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org) To register, please go to: <https://forms.gle/akiYWocAaMFwWWfd6> Deadline for registration: **9 February 2024**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** The Parish Pastoral Council met a few weeks ago with Fr Martin. We welcomed our new secretary, Patricia Barron. We heard from Earlroy Edwards about what he has been learning from Sacred Heart, Ruislip, about ways of involving young people more in the life of the parish. We agreed on a social event of a fundraising nature for the parish, on Sunday 23rd June the feast of St Thomas More, SAVE THE DATE. We are looking at ways to raise money for the Music fund to replace the church hymn books. We always welcome help with our social events. If you would like to be a part of the team, contact Tessa Maude, a PPC member and parish administrator. Anthony Inglese, PPC Chair

**ST SWITHUN WELLS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL** in South Ruislip have a school based Nursery, offering full time places with the eligible 30 free hours and additional paid hours. Nursery tours / applications available in February, please see website for details <https://www.st-swithunwells.hillingdon.sch.uk/admissions/>



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**—meeting next on **Wednesday 7th February** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**FOODBANK**— Thank you for your contributions. The next collection will be **Tuesday 13th February 2024.**

**AN EVENING OF IRISH SONG**—led by the folk group **Saturday 16th March.** More information to follow.

**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 4TH FEBRUARY 2024 + 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

3RD/4TH FEBRUARY

06:00PM INTS LUCKHURST FAMILY

9.30AM INTS GLORIA LEWIS & FAMILY

11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



### 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, and Hilda Minoli.

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

Manuel Castelino, Freddie Mascarenhas, Bridget Goodwin, Michael McMahan, Frank Donnachie, Gerry Brady, Simone Guibaud.



We pray for the repose of the soul of

**YVONNE GRASSO**

recently departed.



### THE CANDLE IN THE VIGIL LAMP

#### AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week  
in loving memory of

**WENIFREDO ATIENZA**

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

Dear Parishioners,

*After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.*

This Sunday we hear of some of the aspects of the early mission of Jesus. We understand from his popularity that the excitement among the people was great. Their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity, it was an amazement fuelled by faith, which is why he was able to perform so many miracles. The people were realising that Jesus is the one of whom the prophets had spoken; the awaited Messiah. We hear of Jesus in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law he had just cured and how, when evening came, *'the whole town gathered at the door'*. As we think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near Jesus, we can evaluate our own desire to know God and experience his power and love in our lives. Do we find ourselves consumed with a deep need to be with God, to listen to him and to receive his grace and mercy? Are we tempted to see the practice of our faith as boring or uninteresting? Our culture of modern technology conditions us to become fascinated and intrigued with many superficial and immediate things. Many things today compete for our attention, intrigue us and maybe even amaze us. Is Jesus one of these things in our life? When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfils and satisfies us on the deepest spiritual level. Only Jesus can open up the treasures of a life given to the most meaningful and personal experiences of love and truth. To make this possible for us, Jesus had to embrace all that is evil and would destroy us through sin and death. His gift of his life on a Cross has broken through these barriers and released us from their hold on us. Let us reflect, today, upon the people in today's Gospel who were so enthralled by Jesus that they continually sought him out. Let us consider their excitement, their hope and their genuine joy at their discovery of the Messiah. As we think of them, let us recommit ourselves to seeking out our Lord and when we experience that excitement present, let us rejoice and give glory to God.

*God Bless you, Fr Martin*

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION—LAST CHANCE TO ENROL** 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 **5th February**.

**100 CLUB** January draw takes place this weekend. Winners will be announced in the newsletter next weekend.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet in the Library after the 9.30 am Mass today, **Sunday 4th February**. All are welcome to come along and see what they do, to help those in need of support locally.

**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, starting **Tuesday 20th FEB**. 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/F3u3upwHDPZEpQe98> at the back of church. Please sign up by **TODAY 4th February**.

**CARDINALS LENTEN ALMS** There will be a second collection next week after all the masses.