

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

26th February –3rd March 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 26TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	JOHN HINDE RIP
<b>TUES 27TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	PAT KELLY RIP
<b>WED 28TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	WENIFREDO ATIENZA RIP
<b>THURS 29TH</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	RENITA ADAMS RIP (A)
<b>FRI 1ST MAR</b>	10 TO 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT 2ND</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS MARIE PRESTON  <b>EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>SUN 3RD</b>	<b>3RD SUN- DAY LENT</b>	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING 9.30AM 11.30AM</b>	ANDY O'NEILL RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH KATHLEEN WALL RIP

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## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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**CHURCH CLEANING** We are very fortunate to have a devoted team of people, headed by Pat Faille who serve the parish, keeping our church clean. Pat is retiring after many years of overseeing this. We would like to thank her for her commitment and hard work over the years. Have you ever thought about how our church is kept clean? Do you have a few hours to spare every 3-4 weeks? Could you join a team and help keep the church clean for the parish and the glory of God? If you would be interested in knowing a bit more about the teams and times they clean, please let the parish office know.

**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, such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60th) Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**—meeting next on **Wednesday 6th March** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLD LAND**— Cardinal Vincent Nicholls has asked for a special focus of prayer on **Friday 8th March** across the Diocese, for Peace in the Holy Land.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** will next meet —**Sunday 10th March** In the Library, after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome to come along and see what they do, to help those in need of support locally.

**FOODBANK**—Thank you for all your contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 12th March**.

**DEANERY LENT DAY**—**Saturday 23rd March 9.30am to 3pm** Led by Fr John Hemer. A Day with Talks, Mass, Adoration and Confessions held at Pield Heath House School, Pield Heath Road, UB8 3NW (parking available) To book your place, please email [uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk) or call Angela: 01895 233193. See poster.

**CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL**— This takes place throughout Lent. Donations will go to projects across the Diocese to support the work of their services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work with the some of the most vulnerable people in the Diocese. Envelopes and details are at the back of church.



### SATURDAY 16TH MARCH.

**AN EVENING OF IRISH SONG**—led by the folk group 7 for 7.30 pm start

See posters for more details or the parish website

SIGN Up sheets at the back of church for numbers. Bring your own refreshments



## SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024 + 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT +

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

24TH/25TH FEBRUARY

6.00 PM HELEN DOOLEY RIP

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM BIANCA MALHEIROS-FAUZ RIP



### FOR OUR PRAYERS

#### SICK PARISHIONERS

Teresa Collins, Gloria Lewis, Betty O'Neill, 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 :

John Hinde, Kathleen Dunleavy, Sheila Fitzgerald, Renita Adams, Henry Powley.

Dear Parishioners,

*'Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.'*

This Sunday of Lent we hear about the glorious Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Six days before this amazing event, Jesus had spoken for the first time to his disciples about his approaching crucifixion, death and Resurrection. As usual, the Apostles had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to further explain that whoever follows him must also up their own cross. The disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration. After giving these disciples six days to assimilate the difficult news of his coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter on the mountain. Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus' glory surely helped these disciples to begin to accept Jesus' prediction of his passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen, but on the other hand, they saw his glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control. We ourselves also need the consoling revelation of our Lord's glory to help us navigate the ups and downs of life. At times, life is good and we go forward with joy and ease but then it happens that life has taken a difficult turn and confusion has set in. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. At all times God is calling us in faith to trust in his everlasting love and his plan for our lives. Let us reflect, today, upon this vision on the holy mountain of Tabor. As we climb our own mountains in life, with perseverance and determination, let us accept the hope and joy that is given to us. Let us pray for the ability to trust in the Son of God who not only died a cruel death but also is radiant in glory for all eternity. Let us trust him, turn to him and commit to the journey ahead, especially as we continue to prepare for the great feast of our redemption this Easter.

*God Bless You, Fr Martin*

### OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT... AND BEYOND!

This Lent we are considering our involvement in our parish in various ways. Using the acronym **LOVE** – we are; **L**ooking at ourselves, our **O**fferings to the church, **V**olunteering our time, the place of the **E**ucharist and prayer. Each week we are looking at one of these aspects of our parish life together. This week we will hear from Marian Meluish, from our Finance Committee, about the financial side to our parish life. She will help us to understand how vital it is that the parish be supported by our material **O**fferings in a way that is possible for each parishioner. The parish is a primary place where the almsgiving of our Christian lives can find a valuable and fruitful expression. See the posters and leaflets that are being produced for more information and guidance.

**....and the greatest of these is LOVE** 1 Corinthians 13:13

**100 CLUB DRAW** The February draw takes place this weekend. See Newsletter next week for winning numbers.

**RIGHT TO LIFE** It is anticipated that Parliament will be debating the reduction of the legal limit of abortion from 24 to 22 weeks in early March. Babies born early, are now surviving at 22 weeks gestation which is a contradiction to the Law. Lobby cards are available at the back of church to send to your MP over the next few weeks to show your support for the amendment.

We pray for



**PAULINE FITZGERALD**

recently departed.



**THE VIGIL LAMP  
AT OUR LADY**

burns this coming week  
for the intentions of

**ANN HILL**