

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

11th March –17th March 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 11TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE O'ROURKE FAMILY
<b>TUES 12TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP
<b>WED 13TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	JOSPEPH AND SABINA COYNE RIP
<b>THURS 14TH</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	HELEN BIRCH RIP
<b>FRI 15TH MAR</b>	10 TO 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT 16TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	OUR BLESSED MOTHER <b>EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>SUN 17TH</b>	<b>5TH SUNDAY LENT</b>	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING</b> <b>9.30AM</b> <b>11.30AM</b>	EDDIE MOLLOY RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH WENIFREDO ATIENZA 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/EASTCOTE/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/)

## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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**100 CLUB**— Winning numbers for the February draw are 31.Teresa Higgins, 41. Fionnuala Knibb, 47. Mary Lynskey. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy .

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** – We will have our own parish Lenten Penance Service here at **7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be visiting priests who will be available to hear confessions after a time of reflecting on the gift of God's great mercy together. It is one of the immutable precepts of the Church that , to be a practising Catholic, one must make a sacramental confession of sins to a priest at least once in the year. There will also be a Deanery Penance Service at Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip the following Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. *'Behold, now is the favourable time' 2 Cor 6:2.*

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY.** On Palm Sunday, 24th March, the 9.30 Mass will be a Children's Mass with opportunities for all our young people to take part. On Good Friday, 29th March, there will be a Stations of the Cross Service for children at 10am. This will involve the children as much as possible and will make the way of the Cross understandable to them. We invite families to "adopt" a Station. If you do this, your children will be enabled to take an active part in the service with your support. Please sign the paper form in the porch by 24th March and I will contact you during Holy week to give you more details. Thank you for supporting these services and for encouraging our younger parishioners to get involved. If you have any questions please email [jinglese@btinternet.com](mailto:jinglese@btinternet.com)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

**LENT: LAMENT AND CONSOLATION** In this open-rehearsal-style worship and performance event, Eastcote-based composer Edwin Fawcett will share ten songs, five of them previously unheard, with his band, guest singers and a choir made up of... you! **Sunday 17th March 4—7pm**, London EC1Y 8LD Free tickets available at the QR code.



**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**—meeting next on **Wednesday 20th March** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**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.

### 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





# Happy Mother's Day

## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

9TH/10TH MARCH

6.00 PM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP

9.30 AM ROY WORREL RIP

11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### SICK PARISHIONERS

Giovanna Blasetti, 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 : Phyllis Barnes



## THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week in  
LOVING MEMORY OF

**PATRICK O'ROURKE**

## SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024 + 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT +

Dear Parishioners,

*'...The Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.'*

On this fourth Sunday of Lent we hear of the conversation between Jesus and a Pharisee called Nicodemus. Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin and so Nicodemus was taking a great risk by going to him to talk. Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus who, unlike the other Pharisees, was not trying to trap him but to learn from him. Jesus says to Nicodemus that someone can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are 'born from above'. Nicodemus interprets the words of Jesus in a literal way and cannot understand how a second 'birth' is possible in life. Jesus therefore has to elaborate and show how this new spiritual 'birth' relates to his coming crucifixion saying: *'...the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.'* Christianity can only be accessed through the new birth and life which comes to us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. This is God's answer to all our predicaments and search for meaning in life because only in this way can we escape from the imprisonment of evil, sin and death. Sometimes we come to God and want him to speak clearly and immediately to us, revealing his will and help in our lives. However, the Gospel message is so radical and so demanding that most of us are probably not yet ready for the full truth. God, in his compassion, sometimes gives us only what we can handle at the moment. This humble truth can encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the mystery of God in our lives. In this way we can see our whole lives as a process of coming into this new birth and life in God. Let us reflect, today, upon how open we are to the fullness of God's Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to us all that was in his eternal mind? Would it be too much for us to handle? Let us humble ourselves, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that we will continue to be changed and opened so that the clarity of God's truth will more fully penetrate our souls and that we may *'...have eternal life'*.

*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 consider the importance of the Eucharist and prayer in our lives. 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*

*If you were unable to make Mass last weekend, copies of the forms and leaflets relating to the talk given regarding **OUR OFFERINGS** and **VOLUNTEERING** ARE still available this week and on the parish website.*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** will meet today —**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.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30 AM MASS** —On this day, when we remember all mothers around the world, we invite you to come forward and take a daffodil to give to a mother as a sign of gratitude and love.