

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

18th March –24th March 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 18TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	IN THANKSGIVING
<b>TUES 19TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS ERYL D'SOUZA
<b>WED 20TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b> <b>11.30AM</b>	CHRISTINA ETUKA <b>FUNERAL MARY LAPHAM</b>
<b>THURS 21ST</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00 AM</b>	INTS COLLEEN WALLACE
<b>FRI 22ND</b>	10 TO 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>
<b>SAT 23RD</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <b>EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>SUN 24TH</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING</b> <b>9.30 AM</b> <b>11.30 AM</b>	INTS KATHY O'BRIEN AND TED & PHYLLIS MCGOLDRICK PEOPLE OPF THE PARISH BRIAN ORPIANO & JOSEFA LOZANO

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## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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**CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT**—conscious that we did not have a written record of the history of our parish, its origins or development over the years since its inception in 1932 or, indeed information about the various artefacts and activities of St Thomas More Parish, Bernard Luckhurst, with the agreement of Fr Martin has written a book addressing this. This is now complete and coincides with beginning of a year of planning of a series of events to mark the 490th anniversary of the execution of our patron saint. 2025 also embraces the 90th anniversary of the canonisation of St Thomas More and the 75th anniversary of the official founding of our parish. Whilst we would have liked to have distributed it free of charge the austere times in which we find ourselves dictate that we need to cover the printing costs, and so each copy will be priced at £10 .All profits from the sale of this book, after those printing costs, will go to parish funds. Bernard Luckhurst shall be at all of the Masses this weekend to talk on this and have copies available for sale. The book will also be available direct from him or the Parish Office. Thank you to all who have contributed information, anecdotes and support for this work.

**CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL** Envelopes and details can be found in the narthex.

### DATES



**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** will meet next on —**Sunday 24th 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.

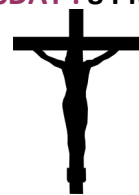
**FOODBANK**— Thank you for your donations, the next collection will be **Tuesday 9th April**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



**PALM SUNDAY: 9.30 AM** Children's Mass— Passion Playlet

**MAUNDY THURSDAY : 8 PM** Mass of the Last Supper and washing of the feet



**GOOD FRIDAY: 10 AM** Children's Stations of the cross

**2 PM** Liturgy of the Word with Communion



**HOLY SATURDAY: 8 PM** Easter Vigil, with reception into the church of the RCIA candidates

*He is*  
**RISEN**

**EASTER SUNDAY MORNING 9.30 AM AND 11.30 AM— HOLY MASS**

## SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024 + 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT +

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

16TH/17TH MARCH

6.00 PM EDDIE MOLLOY RIP

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM WENIFREDO ATIENZA RIP



### 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 McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, and Hilda Minoli.

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR

**AROUND THIS TIME** : Reg Davies, Grace Carey, Ann Garner, Stanley Fry, William Johns

Dear Parishioners,

*"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?  
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."*

This Sunday, as we get closer to the events of Holy Week, we hear that Jesus was 'troubled.' Jesus also identifies the possible temptation to be saved from this 'hour.' Jesus dismisses the temptation in order to proceed with the great work of redemption that he is to accomplish for us. As God, Jesus has perfect strength to always remain faithful to the mission he receives from his Father. At the same time, as a man, Jesus permits himself to experience temptation and human suffering. In doing so, Jesus shows us that he identifies with us in every way and also makes it possible for us to imitate him in our suffering because we will endure similar temptations through life. What is it that causes us fear and anxiety as we look at our lives? How can we look at this in the light of the witness of Jesus? Jesus brings meaning into the phenomenon of suffering and invests it with a salvific power. He came to suffer the consequences of our sins and to destroy death itself. By offering up our own suffering through Jesus, we can share in this great work of redemption and assist in the salvation of our own soul and of the souls of all the world. Jesus embraced his Cross by looking at it through the lens of glory. Jesus allowed himself to see the Cross as a glorification of the Father. The same can happen in our lives. No matter what we face in life, no matter the cross we encounter, if we can embrace it, then we can see it as an act by which God will be glorified in our lives. This truer perspective will bring with it hope, joy and strength which will free us from the anxiety caused by fear. At the same time, this does not mean that we should not use all our God-given capacities to see where suffering can be alleviated and healed by grace and our own efforts. Let us reflect, today, upon the ways in which God is calling us to the cross. As we do, let us pray to see every suffering as an opportunity to glorify God in our life. Let us ask to be able to see our crosses with gratitude and joy, and allow this new perspective to give us the strength we need to fulfil the mission given to us by our Father in heaven.

*God bless you, Fr Martin*

### WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



MARY LAPHAM

RECENTLY DEPARTED



### THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week  
for the

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**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, 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, 24<sup>th</sup> March, the 9.30 Mass will be a Children's Mass with opportunities for all our young people to take part. On Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a Stations of the Cross Service for children at 10am. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

**EASTER SERVICES** If you are a minister of Communion, please complete the sign up sheet at the back of church to let us know which services you are available for. There is also a sign up sheet for those who may wish to have their feet washed at the Mass of the last Supper on Maundy Thursday.