
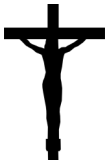




## Holy Week Mass /Service Times

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 25TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	Pauline Fitzgerald RIP
<b>TUES 26TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS Yvonne & Tony Byrne
<b>WED 27TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	Tommie Loftus RIP
<b>MAUNDY THURS 28TH</b>		<b>8.00 PM</b>	Oliver Hilleard RIP  <b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>  
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 29TH</b>		<b>10.00 AM</b>  <b>3.00 PM</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>  <b>PASSION OF OUR LORD</b>
<b>HOLY SATUR- DAY</b>		<b>8.00 PM</b>	RCIA Candidates  <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		<b>9.30 AM</b>  <b>11.30 AM</b>	People of the parish  Eileen Brady RIP

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**HISTORY OF ST THOMAS MORE BOOK**—Following last week's successful sale of the History book about our Parish, Bernard and Madaline will be present after each Mass this weekend with more copies priced at £10. If you wish to order from them, please e mail [bernardjluckhurst@btopenworld.com](mailto:bernardjluckhurst@btopenworld.com) All profits will be donated to parish funds. Many thanks.

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024** The Cardinal's Lenten appeal concludes this weekend. All funds raised will go towards projects across the Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Donation envelopes are on the table at the back of church for anyone who may wish to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS** Unfortunately we will not be able to offer this at St Thomas More this year, but our neighbouring parish at St Luke's, Pinner will bless their Easter Garden and baskets at 9.30 am On Holy Saturday.

**VIGIL LAMP BY OUR LADY** - Envelopes are available at the back of church, if you would like to make a donation towards the candle that burns in the vigil lamp either for an intention or in Loving Memory of someone. It burns for a 7 days, commencing each Saturday. A note will be included in the newsletter and a name card, placed by Our Lady during the week chosen. (If the week has already been taken, the next closest week will be allocated)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**—meeting next on **Wednesday 3rd April** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**DIVINE MERCY HOUR**—**Sunday 7th April** more details to follow.

**FOODBANK**— Thank you for all your contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 9th April**.

**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/)

## SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024 + PALM SUNDAY +

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

23RD/24TH MARCH

6.00 PM INTS KATHY O'BRIEN AND  
TED & PHYLLIS MCGOLDRICK

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM BRIAN ORPIANO & JOSEFA LOZANO



### 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 :** Freya Edwards, Aza Walsh  
Lois Mattingley, Jim Higgins, Maria McKay ,  
Steve Howlett Snr, Derek Honeygold

### WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF



Anne Mariampillai and  
Kesan Rajeswaran



RECENTLY DEPARTED



### THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week in  
LOVING MEMORY OF

DAVID BILLAUX

Dear Parishioners,

*'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'*

This weekend we begin our Holy Week commemorations of the death and Resurrection of Jesus with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As Jesus entered the capital his life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite this he entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry from the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before him. Jesus comes to us to invite us to praise, honour and worship him because it is right for creatures to praise their creator, for the redeemed to praise their redeemer. Also, it is good for us, we need to praise Jesus. This is what we are made for and so it leads to the fulfilment of our lives. As we continue through this Holy Week, we are invited to become increasingly aware of the God to whom we offer our praise and worship. This is a God Who lowered himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted himself to be called a sinner, to be rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship God through the suffering of Christ. It might make more sense to us to worship God as we think of him in heaven on his glorious throne. To worship God-made-man in Jesus, accused of being a criminal, suffering punishment and death while enduring the hatred of many, is more difficult for us to comprehend. However, if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surround him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God who sent his Son so that he could come to us this way. When we worship God through the suffering of Christ, our own sufferings are elevated to share in his redemption. In this way, all our suffering, individually and collectively in the world, is offered up to God for him to heal, to forgive, to rebuild and restore and ultimately, to resurrect. In these days, let us reflect on the God whom we worship in this Holy Week. As we contemplate and relive all that Jesus endured, let us, see not only our glorious God, but also see the remedy for all our ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that he could meet us precisely where we are and raise us to new life with him.

*God bless you, Fr Martin*

**CHILDREN'S MASS**—The 9.30 am Mass today is a children's mass, which will include a passion playlet.

**EASTER FLOWERS**— There will be a retiring collection after all the masses this weekend for Easter flowers. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP GOOD FRIDAY.** On Good Friday, 29th 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 **TODAY** 24th March and I will contact you during Holy week to give you more details. If you have any questions please email [jinglese@btinternet.com](mailto:jinglese@btinternet.com)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**—Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like your feet washed at Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** – There will 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.