

**Mass Times
15th April to 21st April**

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 15TH APRIL	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 am	PAULINE FITZGERALD RIP
TUES 16TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 am	ADRIAN OATLEY RIP
WED 17TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	INTS CHRISTINA ETUKA
THURS 18TH	8.30 AM	9.00 AM	GERALDINE AND GORDON WALLACE RIP
FRIDAY 19TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
SAT 20TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	GERTRUD HERRIG RIP EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 21ST 4TH OF EASTER		6.00 PM (SAT) 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	ANTHONY KELLY RIP BILL & KATHLEEN O'SHEA—DIAMOND WEDDING PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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BOUNDARY WALL—We are delighted that after many years of negotiations, we have finally been able to address the deteriorating brick boundary wall to the side of the hall. We are grateful to Hillingdon Council for acknowledging damage from tree roots and as a result have partially replaced the boundary with fencing to match the existing fencing on the opposite side of the premises.

GROTTO UPDATE— The works will be starting early May and will include use of some of the original bricks removed from the failing wall.

100 CLUB -The draw for March took place last weekend and the winning numbers are as follows: 1st—Michael Darcy No. 88 2nd—Karen Berry No. 4 3rd— Connor Flynn. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy.

PARISH HISTORY BOOK -The income from the sale of the St Thomas More Parish History Book has now covered the printing costs, so any further sales will be profit for the parish. The remaining copies will be held in stock for future use and will be available through the Parish Office. Thank you for your support in this venture and we hope that you have enjoyed the publication and learned something about our parish that you didn't previously know.

LIGHTING A CANDLE —.There are some cards for sale at the back of church that say "I lit a candle for for you" which can be given to people to let them know they are in your prayers. There are also a few other new items available to purchase, please have a browse.

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 17th April** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

SVP— The next meeting will be **Sunday 21st April** at 10.45am in the Library. All are welcome to come and see how the SVP help people in our community.

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection will be **Tuesday 14th May**, The food bank have requested the following items which they are in particular need of: Pasta sauces, Jams/Spreads , Tinned fruit, Rice, Tinned/Mashed Potatoes, UHT milk, Tea/Coffee, Long life juice

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL +3RD SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

13TH/14TH APRIL

6.00 PM BRIGID MEAD RIP

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM MARIAN AND MARIA TOZEF (A)



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 :

Elsie Faille and Joseph Hopley.



THE VIGIL LAMP

AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the intentions of

SHEILA KEATING

and her 90th Birthday

Dear Parishioners,

'Look at my hands and my feet...

Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.'

On this third Sunday of Easter we hear about another Resurrection appearance of Jesus to his Apostles. Jesus helps them to understand that he is not a vision or apparition but truly there flesh and blood, but now risen and glorified. This invites us to imagine: what if we were in the same position and Jesus appeared to us. Would we believe? It would certainly be the beginning of an experience that would be life-changing, just as it was for the disciples. They were transformed from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching with courage and faith in Jesus as witnesses to his death and Resurrection. Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, to live and to preach with our lives with the same zeal, courage and conviction as them. This also involves becoming as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. Which also means being willing to turn from all sin and believing that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus and his love. It might be tempting to think that only having Jesus appear to us in person would give us the same faith as the Apostles. However, this gift is offered to us today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus. In what ways has God revealed his love, his presence, his truth and his mercy to us in our lives. This season of Eastertide is a time to be confirmed in our faith and to pray to be more aware of the mystery of God in us. Let us reflect, today, upon our own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of his Resurrection in our life. Have we heard God speaking to us within the depths of our soul? Let us desire to see and listen attentively to God. We may not see him like the Apostles but we can come to know him in our spirit. It is there, within us, that we will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that we can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

God bless you, Fr Martin

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Retiring collection next weekend after all masses for the priests training fund.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES— If you normally give by weekly envelopes and have done so recently, new boxes with donation envelopes for the next tax year are available for collection at the back of church. If you are unable to find your box and still wish to give in this way, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES— These resume on Tuesday after the Easter break.

SYMBOLS OF FAITH— **SATURDAY 13TH APRIL LATE NOTICE FOR ANYONE WHO READS THE NEWLETTER BEFORE THE WEEKEND** 10am to 2pm Church of St Matthew, Northwood. A workshop to prepare parents, priest and catechists to work with people with learning disabilities. If you are interested please book with Gail Williams- gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk / 0208 202 3999 before the weekend.