

**Mass Times
21st—28th April 2024**

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 22ND APRIL	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	INTS CHRISTINA ETUKA
TUES 23RD	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	MICHAEL QUIRK RIP ST GEORGE
WED 24TH	9 TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	PETER AND ALISON MOSS SPECIAL INTS SS. ERKENWALD & MELLITIS
THURS 25TH	8.30 AM	9.00 AM 11.30AM	CATHERINE & PATRICK FOGARTY RIP ST MARK FUNERAL ANNE ELLIS RIP
FRIDAY 26TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	CHURCH CLOSED
SAT 27TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	INTS JUDY DOKE EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 28TH 5TH OF EASTER		6.00 PM (SAT) 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	FRANCIS POWER RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MADELINE WIDERBERG— THANKSGIVING

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CAN YOU VOLUNTEER 1 HOUR EVERY 3 WEEKS TO HELP WITH CLEANING THE CHURCH?

There are 3 teams who take it in turns clean every Thursday. A morning option at 9:30am (after Mass) or two evenings at 7pm. All equipment is provided. If you can join us, please complete a form on the table in the narthex with your details or come along to the next session. See the noticeboard poster for details. *Many hands make light work!*



SYMBOLS OF FAITH—POSTPONED New date Saturday 27th April, 10—2 pm St Matthews Church, Northwood. A workshop to help develop an understanding of faith development and preparation for the sacraments for those with learning disabilities and to learn of the diocesan resources available. To register an interest please contact Gail Williams—020 8202 3999 or email gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk

100 CLUB -The winning numbers for March draw are as follows: 1st—Michael Darcy No. 88 2nd—Karen Berry No. 4 3rd— Connor Flynn. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy if you haven't already done so.

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 and will be available for purchase from 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 already know.

LIGHTING A CANDLE -.There are some cards for sale at the back of church that say "I lit a candle 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 1st May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

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.

FEAST OF ST THOMAS MORE SUNDAY 23RD JUNE How do we celebrate this year as a parish?

We are planning an event from 1.30—4.30pm, suitable for all ages, to involve food, games and activities.

Are you an ideas person? Can you help to organise this or get involved in the planning?

SAVE THE DATE

Our last big celebration was a hog roast in 2019 before lockdown. Can we top that?

Please sign up at the back of church to join the organisers and help make this a true parish celebration.

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL +4TH SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

20TH/21ST APRIL

6.00 PM ANTHONY KELLY RIP

9.30 AM BILL & KATHLEEN O'SHEA-
DIAMOND WEDDING

11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

Giovanna Blasetti, Teresa Collins, 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 :

Martin Moran, Lena Moore, Anthony Kelly

Dear Parishioners,

'I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

This weekend, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for shepherds within our Church who will lead God's flock with the heart of Jesus. Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the religious leaders who had neglected to care for the flock entrusted to them by God. These were the 'thieves and robbers' who came to 'steal and slaughter and destroy.' Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to his voice 'might have life and have it more abundantly.' These religious leaders clearly perceived Jesus as a threat to them, which ultimately led them to condemn him to death in an effort to get rid of him. However, our Eastertide celebrations have shown us once again what a Good Shepherd Jesus is, because he accepted this death as a means to bring us mercy and new life through his Resurrection. In a special way today we pray for those whom God is calling to be shepherds today in the Church as priests. We also recall how we are all called to participate in following the example of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lovingly lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our community, friendships and every other social context. Let us reflect today upon the calling we have received to lay down our own lives for others in imitation of our Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love which comes from the heart of Jesus, we can learn to love without necessarily seeking love in return. Laying down our lives is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look compassionately at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other can become our goal. Let us reflect upon how we can do this in our lives, and pray today that the Good Shepherd will also call generous souls to take up the role of being true good shepherds in the priesthood and in the Church.

God bless you, *Fr Martin*



THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Gloria Lewis, Patricia Proctor, Fr John Warnaby

REST IN PEACE



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - The second collection after masses this weekend, will support the Priest Training Fund.

There are currently **49** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year **3** deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your support.

SVP-MEETING AND WALINGAHM TRIP The next meeting will be today **Sunday 21st April** at 10.45am in the Library. The Hillingdon district **SVP** are planning a trip to Walsingham on 7th July. The estimated cost is £20, but will depend on numbers. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of church.



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the intentions of

JUDY DOKE