

**Mass Times  
5th May –12th May 2024**

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 6TH MAY</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	EILEEN BAKER RIP
<b>TUES 7TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	JOHN MATTHIAS RIP (A)
<b>WED 8TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS MARYSIA & ROY NEWSON
<b>THURS 9TH MAY</b>	8.30 AM	<b>9.00 AM</b>	MARIETTA ATIENZA RIP <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>FRIDAY 10TH</b>	10 TO 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION</b>
<b>SAT 11TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	GLORIA LEWIS RIP (RD) <b>EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>SUNDAY 12TH  7TH OF EASTER</b>		<b>6.00 PM (SAT)</b> <b>9.30 AM</b> <b>11.30 AM</b>	MARY MARSHALL RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MARY MCCABE RIP

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## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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### **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?

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**100 CLUB** -The April draw took place last weekend. Winners: Fionnuala Knibb No. 41 , Teresa Higgins No. 31 and Mary Lynskey No. 47. Please collect you envelopes form the Sacristy

**POPE APPOINTS A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER**-Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster and Titular Bishop of Ramsbiria (Ramsbiriensis). Bishop-elect Curry has been serving as parish priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington since 2008. He joins Bishops John Sherrington, Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster.

### **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!*



**VIGIL CANDLE AND SANCTUARY LAMP**– If you would like to have the vigil lamp at Our Lady burn for any special intentions for 7 days, please complete the envelope at the back of church or let the parish office know. The dates start on a Saturday for the week ahead. In addition, it is now possible to donate the 7 day candle that burns in the Sanctuary Lamp ( the red lamp) by the tabernacle if you prefer or if the week is unavailable for the Vigil lamp-by Our Lady. The cost to cover the candle is £5

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**



**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.

**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**—meeting next on **Wednesday 15th May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

## SUNDAY 5TH MAY +6TH SUNDAY EASTER +

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

4TH/5TH MAY

6.00 PM ELIZABETH KING INTS

9.30 AM EDWARD GORMAN RIP

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, Marie Hardy and Hilda Minoli.



#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Ronald Johnson, Edward Gorman, John Kent, Alan Kimber

Dear Parishioners,

*'I call you friends... love one another.'*

On this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, as we approach the feast of our Lord's Ascension this coming Thursday, we hear Jesus give us his new commandment – *love one another*. This teaching is united with the way of love that Jesus himself has demonstrated, a love willing to go to the Cross. This becomes the foundation for the Church's understanding about the meaning of life: we are here to learn about love and to respond in love, to both God and our neighbour. Elsewhere Jesus says *'Love one another, as I have loved you'*. In our tradition this kind of love has also been called 'charity'. The word 'charity' conveys a form of love that is selfless. It's a way of relating to each other in which our focus is the good and wellbeing of the other person. St. Paul writes that charitable love is *patient and kind, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things and never comes to an end*. When we consider these qualities of charitable love, we find that God relates to us in each of these ways through Jesus. Through Jesus, God offers us the best friendship possible. Jesus says: *'I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.'* Our ultimate proof of this friendship and love is that Jesus has given his life for us on a Cross so that God can forgive our sins and so that we can share eternal life with him both now and in his heavenly kingdom. The love we show to God comes in our prayer and our worship through the Church, especially the Holy Mass. In our relationships to one another and the wider world, we are given the opportunity to show the quality of our lives in the charitable love we offer to our neighbour. Let us reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has given us to enter into a true friendship with him and live his commandments of love. Let us pray for the desire to give ourselves without reserve, both to the One who is so deserving of all our love and to one another.

God bless you, *Fr Martin*

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**—The feast day is on Thursday of this week the 9th May. Mass will be celebrated at 9 am. There will unfortunately be no evening mass to celebrate this feast at St Thomas More, but for those who are unable to attend the mass in the morning, there will be a vigil mass at St Luke's Church, Love Lane, Pinner at 7.30 pm on the eve, Wednesday 8th.

**SVP-MEETING** The next meeting will be today **Sunday 5th May** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community. **WALSINGHAM TRIP**—The area SVP are organising a trip to Walsingham on 7th July, estimated cost £20. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are interested.

**A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

**SECOND COLLECTION**— There will be a second collection next weekend after all the masses for the Catholic Communications Network.



### THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

has been donated this week

for the intentions of

**NORA AND GUY CAIN**

### THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week  
for the intentions of

**CARMEL CORRIGAN**

