Mass Times
13th May –19th May 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 13TH-MAY	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	STEVE SHARP **RIP** OUR LADY OF FATIMA
TUES 14TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**INTS** CHRISTINA ETUKA ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
WED 15TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HENRY FAULKNER **(RD) RIP**
THURS 16TH MAY	8.30 AM	**9.00 AM**	**INTS** YVONNE BYRNE
FRIDAY 17TH	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
SAT 18TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ARULAMMA MATTHIAS **(A)** ST JOHN 1ST **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 19TH PENTE-COST		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	WALTER O'NEIL (**A)** **INTS** NORA & MICHAEL-LYDON PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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FEAST OF ST THOMAS MORE SUNDAY 23RD JUNE Thank you to those who have already signed up to support this planned event. We do however need more people to help plan and organise, not just helpers on the day. Have you got any ideas of what we could do? Can you help to plan and put together this event for the parish? This may not be able to go ahead if we don't have enough people to organise it. Please sign up this week if you can.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK This starts TODAY 12th May. Churches Together in Eastcote have a licence to bucket collect on Saturday 18th May. If anyone is available for an hour, between 9am and 3pm to collect outside the supermarkets in Eastcote High Street, please let the parish office know.

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.

SVP MEETING The next meeting will be today **Sunday 19th May** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 19th May This Pentecost, come and be enlivened by God's tender and protective love through song - gaining concrete experience in using certain heart/soul "tools" that will enrich your adventure through life towards flourishing! In this open-rehearsal-style worship and performance event, Catholic composer Edwin Fawcett will share ten songs, five of them previously unreleased, with his band, talented guest singers and a choir made up of... you! Free tickets available at the QR code. St Joseph's Parish Hall, Lamb's Buildings, 15 Lamb's Passage, London EC1Y 8LE– nearest station Moorgate or Liverpool Street.

WALSINGHAM TRIP 7TH JULY—If you would like to join the trip run by the Area SVP society, please sign the list at the back of church.

SUNDAY 12TH MAY +7TH SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

12TH/13TH MAY



6.00 PM MARY MARSHALL **RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM MARY MCCABE **RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

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 McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy and Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Luke Kolakowski, Margaret Fry,

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week

for the intentions of

NANCY BURKE

THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week

for the intentions of

SISTER GOMEZ



Dear Parishioners,

"I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

This week's Gospel brings us words from the final High Priestly prayer of Jesus to his Father in the company of the Apostles on the eve of his death. We hear Jesus saying '*I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth*'. What does it mean to 'consecrate' something or someone? Consecration is a familiar term within our faith. We speak of the bread and wine being consecrated and becoming the Body and Blood of Jesus our Lord. The consecration of the earthly substances of bread and wine transforms them into the glorified and risen presence of Jesus Christ. Another familiar use of this word is in reference to those men and women who have been called by God to enter religious life who become 'consecrated religious' through their solemn lifelong vows. Also among the laity, there are some who have consecrated themselves to our Lady, or the Sacred Heart of Jesus, or in some other form of devotion. In all of these, to 'consecrate' means to dedicate, set aside, to make holy and sanctify. Jesus prays that we would all be 'consecrated in the truth'. Jesus prays that we would allow God's word to engage us, challenge us, change us, call us from sin, point us to heaven and transform every aspect of our lives. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. Jesus is God's truth. Jesus who loves us and has consecrated himself and died and risen again for us. It is in this truth that we can be redeemed and transformed into sons and daughters of the living God. In what ways do we need the truth, spoken by our Father in heaven, to engage us? What are the truths of our faith that we especially need to know, accept, profess and believe? God's truth can combat the confusion and lies through which evil can damage our lives. Let us reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Word of God. Upon how fully we have allowed God's Word to speak to us, call us out of the world, set us apart for holiness and direct us towards the truth. May God's truth about us be the most defining feature of our lives and direct us to be his apostles and disciples in today's world.

God bless you, *Fr Martin*

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION DAY On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. There will be a second collection after all the masses this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Please keep our communicants in your prayers this weekend as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday .

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW. Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.