Mass Times
20th May –26th May 2024

DAY	CHURCH	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 20TH-MAY	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CHRISTOPHER YOUNG **INTS** MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
TUES 21ST	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ALDO MINOLI (**A) RIP**
WED 22ND	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INGE BACH **(RD) RIP** ST RITA OF CASCIA
THURS 23RD	8.30 AM	**9.00 AM** **11.30AM**	DAVID JONES **(A) RIP** **FUNERAL** FEAST OF OUR LORD, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
FRIDAY 24TH	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
SAT 25TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **12 NOON**	STEVE MILLER **RIP** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST BEDE, THE VENERABLE **HOLY BAPTISM**
SUNDAY 26TH MOST HOLY TRINITY		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MARIE MOLLOY **RIP** GLORIA LEWIS **(RD) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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2023/24 RCIA Group St Thomas More

WELCOME MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS Last weekend there was a Mass at Westminster Cathedral for those recently received into the Church. It was a wonderful occasion to see so many new Catholics and for our own RCIA group, received into the Church at Easter. They are pictured here with family, sponsors and catechists. The RCIA is a wonderful way to become part of the Church. If any family or friends of parishioners are interested in joining an RCIA group next year, please let the parish office know.

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. A decision will be made after this weekend, so please sign up to help organise if you can.

WALSINGHAM TRIP 7TH JULY—THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP. If you would like to join the trip run by the Area SVP society, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

VIGIL CANDLE AND SANCTUARY LAMP– if you would like to sponsor a 7 day candle in either the vigil lamp at Our Lady or the Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle for a special occasion, intention or in memory of a loved one, envelopes can be found at the back of church. Alternatively, let the parish office know the details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 29th May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

FLOWER FESTIVAL– 7/8/9th JUNE St Matthew's Northwood will be holding a centenary flower festival, plus bric a brac and home made cakes, on the above dates. Please see poster on the blue notice board at the back of church for opening times

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection will be **Tuesday 11th June.** 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 juices.

SUNDAY 19TH MAY +PENTECOST +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
18TH/19TH MAY



6.00 PM WALTER O'NEIL (**A)**

9.30 AM **INTS** NORA & MICHAEL LYDON

11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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 :
Brian Berry, Aldo Minoli, Eric Wilby, Rudy Barnes

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
in loving memory of
BRIAN BERRY
RIP

THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week
for the intentions of
STEPHEN HAWES



Dear Parishioners,



'Jesus breathed on them and said - Receive the Holy Spirit.'

Happy Pentecost! Today, throughout the world, our Church celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers and upon all of us. Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives? Today, as always, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work as one God. It is the Father who wills that we be reconciled to him as his children; it is the Son who has made this reconciliation possible through his death and Resurrection; and it is the Holy Spirit who now accomplishes the completion of this act in our lives, through the Church, the Sacraments and prayer. At the heart of the gift of our salvation is the remission of our sins. As Jesus bestowed a unique gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, he also entrusted them with the ability to forgive sins in his name and by his power. As we celebrate Pentecost, it is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. One of the greatest ways that the Holy Spirit is potentially active in our life is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through that Sacrament, the Holy Spirit draws us to the Father and enables us to see and understand his perfect will, living more fully in union with the Son as a member of his Body. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are some of the ways that the Holy Spirit helps us in our Christian lives. These gifts are most effective in our lives if we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Once we are reconciled to the Father and begin to live in a state of grace, the Holy Spirit will continue to deepen his relationship with us and bestow his help upon us for our Christian journey to the heavenly kingdom. As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, let us reflect upon the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If we want to be open to the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our life and receive the many gifts we need for our journey of faith, then let us begin with the most fundamental gift of God's ever-lasting merciful love. Let us ponder the words Jesus speaks in our Gospel today and know that by entrusting the grace to forgive sins in his name to his Apostles, Jesus was also calling us to embrace that gift. The Holy Spirit wants us to be cleansed of all sin so we can live the fullness of God's plan for our lives together. Let us allow him to do so and we will be amazed at all the grace that follows.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

CAKES, CAKES, CAKES –This years Confirmation group will be selling cakes after the 9.30 Mass for charity. Please support them. Come in and have a coffee and a cake or take one home for later. If you don't eat cake perhaps, you could buy one for a friend or make a donation.

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 Its not too late to join the 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 , Time 4-7PM. Nearest station Moorgate or Liverpool Street. See poster in the narthex blue notice board for more details.

GROTTO UPDATE - Works are due to start this coming week. Thank you to all those who have supported and donated to this project. We will shortly see the fruits of the vision that started nearly two years ago. Please note: there may be some disruption to the car park and on site.