Mass Times
10th June—16th June 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 10TH JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FR ANTON MATTHIAS **RIP**
TUES 11TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**INTS** CHRISTINA ETUKA **ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE**
WED 12TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS 13TH	8.30 AM	**9.00 AM**	BOBBY GALLAGHER **(R/D)** **ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**
FRIDAY 14TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
SAT 15TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ALDO MINOLI **RIP** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 11TH ORDINARY TIME		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MARIE MOLLOY **RIP** FIONA, TIM & FAMILY **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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ST THOMAS MORE PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS– SUNDAY 23RD JUNE We will be celebrating with a parish BBQ , food, fun and activities in the grounds. Starting at 1pm for 1.30pm food until 4.30pm (or hall if wet). Enjoy "Friar Tuck's" shredded pork with Cider Apple sauce and gravy or "Maid Marian's " Sherwood Forest vegetable kebabs. Try your hand at ceramic painting, trivial pursuits, line dancing or relax with cool pimms or beer whilst socialising with others. Follow a fairy trail, teddy bears picnic area with the best dressed teddy "Sherwood" style, plus more……. See posters and leaflets for more details. This will be a ticket event to cover a BBQ serving, cost £5 per adult or £12 family ticket (to include 2 adults and sausage in a bun for children)
SIGN UP FROM THIS WEEKEND AND RESERVE YOUR TICKET / S. Please see the sheets at the back of church to sign up for ceramic painting. Thank you to those who have volunteered their help and for making this possible, We will be contacting you shortly with further details.

A NEW BISHOP FOR WESTMINSTER - on **Tuesday 18 June 2024** at 12 noon, Monsignor James Curry will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for our Diocese at Westminster Cathedral. Parishioners of the Diocese are very welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. No tickets are needed. If attending, it might be a good idea to arrive in plenty of time as it is likely to be a full Cathedral that day. Please keep Bishop-elect Jim Curry in your prayers in these coming weeks.

GENERAL ELECTION With the UK general election due on Thursday, 4 July, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to use our vote to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty, injustice and human dignity. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) offer a guide to issues for the election *www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/* as do CAFOD together with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) *cafod.org.uk/encounter*. These sites provide information on a range of topics from a Catholic Christian perspective.

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, please let the parish office know the details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



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.

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 12th June** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE +10TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
8TH/9TH JUNE



6.00 PM ROSE FARRELL **(A)**
9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM PAULINE FITZGERALD **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 : Rose Farrell, John Tap, Mary Wheeler, Claire O'Neill.

WE PRAY FOR

HELENA AND JAMES

who are to be married here this weekend.







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

ANNA & DANIELE MANZI

for their wedding anniversary

Dear Parishioners,

"Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

This week, as we return to the Sunday cycle for ordinary time, we pick up reading from Mark's Gospel again. We hear Jesus tell the people: *'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'* Many images have been used for the Church in the course of history. The most authentic images are those that are drawn from the Scriptures, such as the Church as the Body or Bride of Christ or the People of God. The Gospel reading this Sunday suggests another image; the Church as the family of Jesus. An amazing truth is revealed by Jesus as he looks around at his disciples and the crowd sitting around him who are listening to him speaking. Jesus identifies them all as his mother, his brother and his sister if they are willing *'to do the will of God…'* Here we have the nucleus of the Church in the first disciples of Jesus, who are identified as his family. Jesus incorporates the importance of this wider family into that of his immediate blood family who are standing outside the house. The Church can helpfully be understood as a family because at our baptism we are made brothers and sisters of Jesus. Jesus came to show us the Father's love in all that he did and he reconciled us to that love as he sacrificed himself on the Cross. By the Holy Spirit we are then redeemed and sanctified and made adopted children of God. The letter to the Hebrews says that Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters and declares that Jesus, the one who sanctifies, and we who are sanctified, all now have one Father. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus and his heavenly Father is our now heavenly Father. We also call on Mary, Mother of Jesus, as our mother. Our part is to prayerfully seek the will of God and the grace to follow his ways so that all might eventually know that we are members of a very special family.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

INTERMENT OF ASHES OF THE LATE PAULINE FITZGERALD –This will take place in the Garden of Remembrance this **Sunday 9th June,** after the 11.30 am mass.

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

SVP MEETING The next meeting will be this weekend, **Sunday 9th June** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.

DAY FOR LIFE - 'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD - COMPASSION AND HOPE AT THE END OF LIFE' Next Sunday , 16 June 2024 we celebrate the Day for Life. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. This day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the precious gift of life which opens out into the hope of eternal life at our earthly death. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Church in advocating for the sanctity of all life from natural conception to natural death. The Bishops' Conference has a dedicated section of their website on this topic. https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/ https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/