Mass Times
17th June—23rd June 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 17TH JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**INTS** DAMIEN AND FAMILY
TUES 18TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**INTS** BISHOP ELECT– MGR JAMES CURRY
WED 19TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**INTS** MARIA HENCEL ST ROMUALD
THURS 20TH	8.30 AM	**9.00 AM**	PETER COYNE **(L/D)** ST ALBAN
FRIDAY 21ST	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
SAT 22ND	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **12 NOON**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**
SUNDAY 23RD JUNE		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	GERRY BOYLE & FAMILY (A) ROSHAN PATEL (THANKSGIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH SOLEMNITY OF ST THOMAS MORE

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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 a 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 sausages in a bun for the children of the family)

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP AND RESERVE YOUR TICKET / S

Can you bring a salad or dessert to share?

Do you fancy trying your hand at ceramic painting?

SIGN UP NOW

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

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 26th June** 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 , **Sunday 30th June** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.

CTE– Invite you to their AGM, service and social event **Sunday, 30th June 4-5pm** in the grounds of St Lawrence church, Bridle Road Eastcote. See posters for details.

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection is **Tuesday 9th July.** The food bank have asked for 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 16TH JUNE +11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
15TH/16TH JUNE



6.00 PM MARIE MOLLOY **RIP**
9.30 AM FIONA, TIM & FAMILY **INTS**
11.30 AM POPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS
Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, 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 : Bill Polsinelli, Eileen Powley, Fr Michael Connor, Albert Huguenin,

WE PRAY FOR

the repose of the soul of

BETTY O NEILL

recently departed.



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

THE DOKE FAMILY

Dear Parishioners,

'This is what the kingdom of God is like…'

This Sunday's Gospel reading consists of two parables about the kingdom of God where Jesus uses the image of seeds. In the first, a man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. When the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own when it is surrounded by the right conditions. In this it is like the kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, death and Resurrection. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established because it is meant to grow in each of our hearts and in the Church. Although already present in Jesus and his group of apostles, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom in each one of us. The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. It is among the smallest of all seeds, most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a great shrub. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to all. Jesus himself is the seed of love planted in this world which has gone into the ground and died. The fruit that emerges is that of salvation, redemption, the Church and the kingdom of God. Let us reflect today on how the kingdom of God is present in our hearts and in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom given to the apostles is now given to us. Just as a seed needs time and good conditions to come to fruition, so does the kingdom of God. What conditions can God help to improve in our lives so that the life of faith and love can be nourished in us? Let us ask in prayer for the nurturing gift of God's grace so that the kingdom that Jesus brought to us, can flourish in our lives and in our world.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

DAY FOR LIFE - 'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD - COMPASSION AND HOPE AT THE END OF LIFE' This 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/

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.

FOR SALE THIS WEEKEND There will be tomato plants and runner bean plants for sale this weekend after the masses.

CAR PARK Next Sunday—The back part of the car park will be closed after the 9.30 mass next Sunday to allow for set up for the feast day celebrations. If you are mobile, please find parking in the surrounding area for 11.30 mass and the feast day celebration. Thank you.