

*"I die the king's good servant, but God's first ."*

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

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## Mass Times
## 24th June to 30th June 2024

| DAY | CHURCH OPEN | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST |
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| MON 24TH JUNE | 9 AM TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | **INTS** JOHN WALLACE<br>NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST |
| TUES 25TH | 9 AM TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| WED 26TH | 9 AM TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| THURS 27TH | 8.30 AM | **9.00 AM** | DAVID BUTLER **RIP** AND SYLVIA WRIGHT **RIP**<br>ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH |
| FRIDAY 28TH | 10 AM TO 11 AM | | **CHURCH CLOSED** |
| SAT 29TH | 9 TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | **INTS** FR MARTIN<br>***FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS*** |
| SUN 30TH JUNE | | **6.00 PM (SAT)**<br>**9.30 AM**<br>**11.30 AM** | REMMA, GEORGE DEMIR **INTS**<br>ANNABELLE TIMILSINA **INTS**<br>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH<br>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL |

**WEEKDAY MASSES** -Starting from the week commencing 8th July, the normal pattern of weekday masses will return to Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday. There will be no Mass on a Thursday, this will return to the Rosary and Exposition.

**100 CLUB–** Next weekend will be the final draw for the current year for the 100 club membership. From next weekend, there will be the opportunity to sign up for this coming year from July to June 2025. Cost is £60 for the year, with a chance of winning £100—£50—£25 each month in the draw. All the funds go to the church and you get a chance to win too! If you have never been in the 100 club, perhaps give some thought to joining!

**SECOND COLLECTION—**There will be a second collection after all the masses next week for Peter's Pence.

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

**FUNERAL OF THE LATE BETTY O'NEILL-**This will be held at Breakspear crematorium on Monday 1st July at 11.15am.

**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.

**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 23RD JUNE SOLEMNITY OF ST THOMAS MORE

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND**
**22ND/23RD JUNE**

**6.00 PM** GERRY BOYLE & FAMILY **(A)**

**9.30 AM** ROSHAN PATEL **(THANKSGIVNG)**

**11.30 AM** PEOPLE 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, 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** : Jim Nodes, Jack Durkin Mary Fitzgerald, Andrea McWatt.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Kitty Goldie

## THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this coming week

in loving memory of

**ROBERT REDDING**

Remembering him especially on his birthday



## THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week remembering the short life of a member of the

**QUIGLEY FAMILY**

May Saint Catherine of Sweden protect the little one.

Dear Parishioners,

***'Who can this man be? Even the wind and the waves obey him.'***

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear about Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee. The Disciples were becoming increasingly anxious in the bad weather and ask Jesus '*Do you not care? We are going down!*' Jesus is then able to calm the storm and the waves with a command *'Quiet now! Be calm!*' The Disciples then exclaim in amazement: *'Who can this man be? Even the wind and the waves obey him.'* Why didn't the Disciples turn to Jesus sooner before they began to fear and become upset? Perhaps it can be helpful to read this Gospel passage symbolically. The boat in which Jesus crossed the sea can represent the Church sailing throughout the ages. Or we can in it see our own individual life journey in the crossing of the lake. Though we suffer the waves of temptation and hardship, we press on, sometimes taking our eyes off Jesus and relying on our own strength. Jesus being asleep can represent his sleep of death, and his awakening is his Resurrection. The pleas of the Disciples represent our need, and the need for the Church, to turn to Jesus during the storms and temptations of life. The rebuke of the waves and the ensuing calm reveal the grace won by the death and Resurrection of Jesus, which is able to silence the destructive power of evil, sin and death. The fear that the disciples encountered points to our own fear that results from a lack of faith and trust in God. This week we celebrate our patronal feast day and remember the storm of destruction that broke into the life of St Thomas More. Though he surely felt fear and dread in what awaited him, he placed his trust in Christ, saying famously '*I am the king's good servant, but God's first.'* Let us reflect today upon this Gospel scene, seeing ourselves in the boat with Jesus and the Disciples. As we see Jesus silence the waves and restore peace, let us hear him say to us about our own struggles in life: *"Why are you so frightened? Do you not yet have faith?"* As we prayerfully meditate upon this, may we know that God will speak to us and reveal to us his almighty and powerful love, bringing peace back into our lives.

God Bless you, *Fr Martin*

**9.30 AM MASS–** The 9.30 Mass will be a children's mass, including a St Thomas More playlet with our young people, on the life of our patron saint, Thomas More. The folk group will lead the music for this celebration mass.

**CAR PARK** The back part of the car park will be **closed** after the 9.30 mass on Sunday to allow for the set up for the Feast Day celebrations. If you are mobile, please find parking in the surrounding area for 11.30 mass and after.

**ST THOMAS MORE BBQ–** Tickets can be collected from the back of church for those who have paid or will be available for collection on entry. If you have reserved your ticket and food order, but not yet paid, envelopes are at the back of church or payment can be made on collection of your ticket at entry. It promises to be good weather. There is not much shade, so feel free to bring gazebo's or umbrellas if required. 1pm start and **food served 1.30—2.30 pm**. There will be live music—50' and 60's from approx. 2.30pm. We will provide tables, chairs (although you may wish to bring your own) PImms and beer to buy, squash, tea and coffee (you may wish to bring additional soft drinks)

If you are able to bring a salad, coleslaw, cous cous, potato salad etc we are short at the moment. Lists are still at the back of church to sign up for bring and share. The food can be brought with you or left after morning mass in the hall.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** We remember in our prayers this weekend the young people of our parish who receive The Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop Michael Campbell.