Mass Times
29th July to 4th August

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 29TH JULY	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH SS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS
TUES 30TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
WED 31ST	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
THURS 1ST AUG	10 AM 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 2ND AUG	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MICHAEL HILL **(A) RIP** ST PETER EYMARD
SAT 3RD AUG	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DENISE PERRY **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUN 4TH AUG		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH RICHARD MAUDE **INTS** DANAPALAN SINGARWEL **(A)** 18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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St Thomas More Catholic Church

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PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS -For many years we have been very fortunate as a parish to have a small group of people who have tirelessly organised and run the social events for the parish. Whilst there are always willing helpers on the day, we need to recruit some new volunteers to help plan and organise events. This is with a view to being able to offer more social options but without which, will mean previous events that we may have enjoyed such as at Christmas and the St Thomas More Feast day, may no longer be possible.

Q. What would this involve? A. Being part of a small group who plan and organise events, (getting together and communicating in ways that are suitable for individuals involved) with lots of flexibility. Working together to come up with ideas, dates and the social calendar for the year, with the support of members of the PPC.

Q. Who would be good for this group? A. No particular experience necessary, just enthusiasm, ideas and energy but if you have previous experience, such as on a PTA, in another parish, at the workplace, we would welcome your input. We are looking for a variety of ages to be representative of the parish as a whole, so that the planning caters for all.

Q. How many events would be involved? A. This would include something at Christmas, Feast Day of St Thomas More in June and possibly two other events in the year initially.

Q. I don't have much spare time, can I still help? A. Yes, if you are unable to be involved all year, then you could take on organising one event in the year at a time when that works for you. If we have enough organisers, the events can be spread out so if you have an idea of something you would like to see at St Thomas More and you are willing to organise that one event, that would be fantastic.

So, if you can help in any way, either contact the parish office, speak to Anthony Inglese- Chair of the PPC, or Fr Martin to show interest and we will hopefully be able to build on our social calendar, offering opportunities for all ages to share together as a parish.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - GOVERNING BOARD VACANCIES

Our School is looking to expand it's Governing Board with further members. If you are a Catholic and have an interest in education and developing positive outcomes for children, please e-mail your expression of interest to Clerk@shpsruislip.org where further information will be provided.

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 The next collection is **Tuesday 6th August.**

SUNDAY 28TH JULY +17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
27TH/28TH JULY

6.00 PM EILEEN & JIM POWLEY **RIP (A)**

9.30 AM EMMANUEL LUZ **(A) RIP**

1 1.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS
Izabel Malheiros, 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 , Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME Emmanuel Luz, John Plackett, Michael Hill, Kathleen O'Brien, Danaraja Singaravelu

THE CANDLE IN THE SANCTUARY LAMP
has been donated this week in celebration of

ISAAC RADLETT

and his birthday.





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week in loving memory of

ZENON HANDZEL

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were there, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.'

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus feeding the 5000 people. These people followed Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and then up a mountain in a remote area. Jesus significantly chose to perform this miracle in an out of the way place where only those who truly wanted to be with him, and had showed faith in him, were present. We notice that the actions by which Jesus performed this miracle are similar to the way he institutes the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper. We are told *'Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them…'* Though this miracle is recorded in all four Gospels, in John's Gospel it is a prelude to when Jesus teaches, *'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'* This miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish can therefore be seen as a teaching about the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that Jesus feeds us with the grace of God's merciful and everlasting love. The Eucharist is the gift of the very life of Jesus and it is the food that will therefore bring us to eternal life. In the Catholic Christian tradition the gift of the Eucharist is at the heart of our worship and contact with God. Here, the sacrifice of Jesus, to take away sin and death, are made present once again for us on the altar. They are then given to us as supernatural food to unite us in an eternal holy communion with God. Let us reflect, today, upon the symbolism of Jesus traveling to this remote area so as to perform this most incredible miracle. Let us see this journey that we are invited to take as a journey toward the discovery of the superabundant grace bestowed upon us through the most Holy Eucharist and through our Christian faith. The way to receive this grace is by committing ourselves to the journey of faith and prayer through the Church. Let us never ignore the incredible value of this greatest of gifts. Let us be willing to always seek out our Lord and discover his presence every time we participate in the Holy Mass.

God bless you, *Fr Martin*

MARY'S MEALS- FOREIGN CURRENCY AND OUTDATED UK COINS/ NOTES COLLECTION
If you took an envelope with you last weekend, please fill it with foreign coins and outdated Uk notes/coins and bring it back to church either this weekend or next. If you haven't yet looked to see if you have any unwanted currencies, it's not too late. Take an envelope with you this weekend, fill it and bring it back next weekend. The final date for returning the envelopes will be Sunday 4th August. Thank you. **Mary's Meals** currently feeds over 2.4 million children one good meal every school day and we want to reach more. With your hep we can.

100 CLUB– Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the new year, from July to June 2025. If you have an existing standing order your membership will continue, unless we are advised otherwise. Numbers between 1 and 100 have been allocated, most of them remaining the same as last year if you were already a member. If you would like to know your number, please check with the parish office. The first draw of the new year takes place this weekend.

SVP MEETING The next meeting will be this **Sunday 28th July** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.