Mass Times
16th September– 21st September

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 16TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	MOIRA BENNETT **RIP (A)** SS CORNELIUS , POPE AND
TUES 17TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CLARO SERRANO **RIP** ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN
WED 18TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COYNE FAMILY
THURS 19TH	10 AM 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 20TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	LIAM POTTS **(A) RIP** ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON
SAT 21ST	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CHRISTIANE KOBUS **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE
SUN 22ND SEPT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ANNE & LES WRIGHT **(A) RIP** EARLROY EDWARDS **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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CLEANER REQUIRED– PAID POST- 3 hours a fortnight for the parish offices and presbytery. Please contact the parish office by **25th September,** if you are interested or to find out more.

SCHOOL APPLICATION APPOINTMENTS- Secondary or Primary —Fr Martin will be meeting with the families of regularly practising parishioners, who require forms signed, in 15 minute slots on **Tuesday 24th September** and **Tuesday 1st October** between 4—6 pm. If this applies to you and your child for school places in September 2025, please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT ONE OF THE WEEKEND MASSES? -The new rota for readers will be coming out soon. Readers on the rota have as their main role: reading the first reading, the responsorial psalm, the second reading and the bidding prayers. Anybody who has been confirmed is eligible to read. You just have to be loud enough and comprehensible enough. Email Anthony Inglese anthony.inglese@btinternet.com or speak to him by 5 September if:

(a) you would like to join the rota and read regularly at one of the weekend Masses; or

(b) you would like to try doing some or all of the readings at one of the weekend Masses as a one-off to help you decide whether you would like to join the full rota as a regular reader.

CHURCH CLEANING Can you volunteer 1 hour every 3 weeks to help with cleaning the church? There are 3 teams who take it in turns clean every Thursday. A morning option at 9:30am (after Mass) or two evenings at 7pm. All equipment is provided. If you can join us, please complete a form on the table in the narthex with your details or come along to the next session. See the noticeboard poster for details. *Many hands make light work!*

KITTENS AVAILABLE to good homes. If you are interested please contact Irene on 07961 336511

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CONNEX SUNDAY LUNCH 1-4pm Sunday **15th September–** at St Thomas More**.** See poster for details to book.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting next on **Wednesday 18th September** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

EXPLORING ICONS AND ICONOGRAPHY– Talk and Workshop given by Sr Esther of Turvey Abbey **Saturday 21st September** 1.30—3.30 pm in St Matthews' Church Hall , Northwood. To book a place please e mail northwood@rcdow.org.uk. See poster at the back of church for more details.
Oak. All enquiries to wwme.org.uk

SVP -will be meeting next on **Sunday 22nd September** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community. **On Friday, 27th September,** the **SVP** warmly invites you to attend the 9.30 am mass, on this the special feast day of St Vincent De Paul, followed by a social gathering with refreshments, in the parish Anglim Room.

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER +24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
14TH/15TH SEPTEMBER

6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.30 AM SAMRAAT TIMILSINA **INTS**
11.30 AM BILL SMYTH **INTS**



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, Katie Loftus and Christina Enright.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy , Hilda Minoli.



FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Anita Burrows, Jim Richards and Andrea Allen.

We pray for the repose of the soul of

MARGARET BOONE

recently departed.







THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the special intentions of

CATH AND FAMILY

Dear Parishioners,

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

This week we hear a challenging demand from Jesus regarding how we are to follow him and therefore save our souls. Jesus puts his own destiny of going to the Cross before us and asks that we ponder the significance for this regarding our own way of living. In life, we tend to desire that which is the easiest for us, the most enjoyable and the most consoling. Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow him, is the road map to saving our eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfilment that far surpasses anything this world has to offer. However, in order to understand this map and then to follow it, we will need to be willing to make a 'spiritual U-turn'. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love. If we were to carefully examine our thoughts throughout the day, we might find that we think a lot about "I" and "me." However, denying our self, taking up our cross means that we focus on the love that God has shown to us through the offering of his Son. Then, in return, considering how we respond to that love towards God and others. This will become easier the more we are freed of the numerous selfish desires that influence our actions day in and day out. Let us reflect, today, upon that which we desire throughout our day. What occupies our thoughts the most? What are we drawn to the most? Let us seek to eradicate everything within us all that is selfish. Doing so will enable us to make a spiritual U-turn so that we can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

EVANGELII-GAUDIUM SUNDAY This weekend there will be retiring collections after all the masses, This is for the mission of the church . "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," Matthew 28:19. Further information can be found to the background of this Sunday on the following link.
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/background-to-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS – We are hoping to run another RCIA this year to help potential new Catholics learn about the tradition and teaching of the Catholic Christian Church. This is an ideal opportunity to ask friends, spouses, relatives, neighbours or colleagues if this might be a moment for them to find out more about the Church. Please consider who God might be calling to participate in this process and if we may be able to help them with an encouraging invitation. The evening sessions will begin in early October. Please provide the parish office with the names and contact details of those wishing to attend.

BLESSING OF OUR PARISH SHRINE Bishop Jim Curry concelebrated the 11.30 am Mass last Sunday on Our Lady's birthday, followed by the Blessing of the Shrine. This was a wonderful occasion for the Parish—we are blessed to have this beautiful shrine within our grounds. Special thanks to all those who helped on the day, to those who helped to fund the project and made it possible, for those who designed and built the shrine, for the planting and maintenance and to Fr Martin for having this vision for St Thomas More. Some photographs from the occasion can be found on the website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/our-lady-queen-of-love-parish-shrine/