Mass Times
29th September– 6th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 30TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	JUDY DOKE **INTS** ST JEROME
TUES 1ST OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	RICHARD DONNELLY **RIP L/D** ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
WED 2ND OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HILDA MINOLI **INTS** HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
THURS 3RD	10 AM 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 4TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JILL LAWSON **RIP** AND THE ROKE FAMILY
SAT 5TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FR MARTIN **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST FAUSTINA
SUN 6TH OCT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MARGARET WYNNE **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH SR NOREEN SMYTH **INTS** 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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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 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. There are some posters at the back of church with details of open evenings for secondary schools, please take a look.

100 CLUB—The September draw takes place this weekend. Winners will be listed in the newsletter next week.

NEW STOCK—There are some new additions to the repository shop at the back of church. Please have a browse.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting next on **Wednesday 2nd October** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—4th October. Envelopes and details can be found as you come in to church.

SVP The next meeting will be on **6th October,** after the 9.30 mass at 10.45am in the library. All are welcome to attend and learn about the SVP, how they help parishioners and the local community and whether it is something you could be involved in.

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 8th October.** Food parcels include: tinned potatoes, beans, fruits, spaghetti, meat , vegetables, puddings plus noodles, cereal, sugar, jam, condiments, toiletries tea/coffee, long life milk and juice. If you can supply any of these it will help people the local foodbank to continue to supply those in need. In the first six months of 2024, from January to June Hillingdon Foodbank supported more than **9842** people.

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND -12th /13th October. Fr Pat O'Beirne will be concelebrating the masses this weekend and talking about the Columban Missionaries and their work.

CONNEX HARVEST LUNCH-St Thomas More Church, 12.45—3.30pm **13th October** see poster for ticket details

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT DAY -Saturday 26 October from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE. The Retreat will include teachings on the Holy Rosary, Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

ST IGNATIAN BIBLE AND PRAYER GROUP Runs weekly on a Wednesday 5—6.30pm at a private house in the parish. If you would like to know more, please contact the parish office for details.

BEREAVEMENT CARE CONFERENCE Wednesday **30th October**, Emmanuel Church Northwood 10—3.30pm. Cost £80. More details: admin@bereavementcareandsupport.uk or see poster in the narthex.

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER +26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
28TH /29TH SEPTEMBER



6.00 PM KITTY POWER **RIP**
9.30 AM BILL & WYN MAXTED **(A) RIP**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Caroline Roache**,** Kathy Fade, Judy Doke, Peter Sharples, 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 :

Bill Maxted, Luigia Pirroni, Mary Grant-Ross, Fred Mattingley, Trevor Cullen-James,



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of the deceased members of

THE FOGARTY FAMILY

BLESSING OF OUR PARISH SHRINE-
8TH SEPTEMBER. Some photographs from the occasion can be found on the website. https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/our-lady-queen-of-love-parish-shrine/



Dear Parishioners,

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off… If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off… I f your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out…"

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus invites us to wake up to see the amazing offer of the Kingdom of God and how we may jeopardise it with sin. Are we motivated to do all that we can to avoid sin? Jesus is not giving us a literal command to cut off our hand or foot, or pluck out our eyes, but to take the radical step of wanting to completely eliminate sin from our lives. The hand, foot and eye in this teaching represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. Jesus is telling us do whatever it takes to avoid falling into sin. To not allow anything to get in the way from acting in the way we should, from achieving that divine potential that is revealed to us through the Gospel. Today's reading calls us to ask ourselves what those things are that cause us to sin and then to cut them out; to root them out of our lives. As the psalm used this week reminds us, *the precepts of the Lord gladden the heart*. The rule God has given us regarding right and wrong really do guide us towards the best possible life; a life of love, of holiness, of goodness and innocence. It is because sin is such an awful source of destruction in life that Jesus has to go to the extreme measure of dying on a Cross for us. By doing so he both displays the horror of sin and also the great extent of God's love. Our willingness to continue to root out sin, by God's grace, from our lives, is a sign of our gratitude and recognition of what God has done for us in Jesus. Let us reflect, today, upon those things in our life that have become an occasion of sin for us. If we have some source of ongoing temptation in our life, let us ask for God's merciful help to eliminate it. Today Jesus challenges us to do whatever we have to so that we don't fall into sin. In return we can gratefully make room to be filled instead with the loving presence of God and commit ourselves once more to following his will for our lives.

God Bless you, *Fr Martin*

MASS COUNT The annual mass count will take place at all masses this weekend and over the next two weekends.

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.

RUNNING COSTS FOR OUR PARISH -Thank you to those who reviewed their giving to the church during Lent. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please give this some thought. If every family could increase their contribution by £1 per week, it would bring in over £5,000 a year, to help the parish with significant extra costs, such as heating and building maintenance charges.

GREAT NEWS If you give a donation to the church and pay tax– the church can claim this back from the tax office, 25p in every pound you give under the Gift Aid Scheme. Speak to a steward at mass or the parish office for more details.