# SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER +31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND**
**2ND/3RD NOVEMBER**



**6.00 PM** HOLY SOULS
**9.30 AM** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
**11.30 AM** ESTHER NAKPIL **RIP**
**6.00 PM** FOR OUR YOUTH– MASS

**FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED**
Francisca Matarin, Sheila Keeble, Ida Houlden, Cathy Fade, Judy Doke, 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 :**

Mary Kelly, Tom Cox, Dick Hinde.

**THE CANDLE IN THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

has been donated this week in Loving Memory of



**GERTRUD HERRIG**

**RIP**





**THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY**

burns this coming week in Loving Memory of

**ROMAN HENCEL**

**RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength… You shall love your neighbour as yourself."***

This Sunday in our Gospel reading we hear about a scribe who asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" In response, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength… You shall love your neighbour as yourself." We can all try to imitate this scribe. It was a risk for him to show support of Jesus, as most of the other religious leaders were hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing his agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticised and rejected by his peers and colleagues. However, he was a seeker of truth and Jesus was therefore able to encourage him by saying: "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Are we a seeker of truth? Do we recognise the holy truths of God when we hear them? If so, do we have the courage we need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelisation is an essential practice that every follower of Jesus can engage in. At the heart of evangelisation is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. Jesus gives us the essential truth at the heart of all evangelisation – that we are made for love. When it is properly ordered, this allows us to love God who made us and love the others whom he has made. Jesus shows us the full extent of God's love for us by offering his life for us on the Cross. Jesus also shows us that even if people don't accept the faith we profess or understand the life we lead, there is still a call to love them and even suffer for them. Let us reflect, today, upon the way that we share our faith with others. Are we tempted to hide our faith in order to not risk being singled out? Do we tend to condemn others who don't share what we believe? Or do we allow the joy of our faith to lead us into lives of love: love of God and of our neighbour? Let us be seekers of truth. Let us do so openly and with joy. If we do, others will discover in us the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate our truth-seeking in their own lives.

*God Bless you,* *Fr Martin*

**MONTHLY YOUTH MASS** – we will be starting a monthly Sunday evening Youth Mass for those aged 13 years or above this **Sunday 3rd November at 6pm,** with a time for socialising afterwards which will finish at 8.30pm. We will be inviting students from St Dominic's College and also members of other parishes and local Catholic schools. This Mass is especially for our teenagers and young adults in the area. This is an opportunity to explore your faith alongside other young people of similar ages. If you are thinking of coming without an adult and staying after for the social, we will just need a consent form signed by a parent or guardian if you are under 18. It would be helpful if this could be done in advance following the QR code and brought with you, otherwise it can be done on the day. More information can be found on our website https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/parish-groups/youth/

**SVP** will be meeting this **Sunday 3rd November,** 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.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Mass will start at **12 noon next Sunday 10th November** not 11.30 am, to allow people time to attend remembrance services.

## Mass Times
## 4th November—10th November

| DAY | CHURCH OPEN | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST |
|---|---|---|---|
| MON 4TH NOV | 9 AM TO 11 AM | 9.30 AM | HOLY SOULS<br>ST CHARLES BORROMEO |
| TUES 5TH NOV | 9 AM TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | SHEILA KEABLE **INTS** |
| WED 6TH NOV | 9 AM TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | BREDA MCGILLICUDDY **INTS** |
| THURS 7TH NOV | 10 AM TO 11 AM | **NO MASS** | **ROSARY AND EXPOSITION** |
| FRIDAY 8TH NOV | 9 AM TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | DICK HINDE **(A) RIP** |
| SAT 9TH NOV | 9 TO 11 AM | **9.30 AM** | NORA CAIN **INTS**<br>**FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**<br>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA |
| SUN 10TH NOV |  | **6.00 PM (SAT)**<br>**9.30 AM**<br>**12.00 NOON** | MARY KELLY **(A) RIP**<br>HOLY SOULS<br>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH<br>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |

**FOR MORE PARISH INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR: E ALERTS, NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL, LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES , VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE** HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

32 Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QT

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Martin Plunkett

**PARISH OFFICE:** Mon—Thurs 9.30 to 12 noon **Administrator:** Tessa Maude

**Tel.** 0208 866 6581 **E mail:** Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk



**100 CLUB** The October draw took place last weekend. Winners are : Jackie Keating No 44, Annegirt Hill No. 35, Mary Alligan No. 85- please collect you envelopes from the sacristy.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** During the month of November, there will be a number of masses offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones to be included in these masses, please complete a sheet with their name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Your offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form. The names will be placed in a box, which will remain on the altar for the month of November.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2025-** If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion , please complete the forms at the back of church to sign up to the programme starting in the New Year and return to the parish office by **3rd December.**

**CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** **T**he conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: **cafod.org.uk/give**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY




**FOODBANK** Thank you for all the donations. The next collection date will be **4th November 2024**. Food packs contain: 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.

**THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP** meeting next on **Wednesday 13th November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS** Second collection 16th/17th November

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING -**9.30 am **24th November** will be a children's mass followed by Breakfast with sausage and bacon rolls-more details to follow.

**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.

**AN EVENING OF SONG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS** Saturday 7th December in the Main Hall, led by the Folk Group. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30. No charge for the evening, There will be a voluntary collection for new Church hymn books. Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church for an idea of numbers for set up.