Mass Times
7th October -13th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 7TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	JUDY DOKE **INTS** OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
TUES 8TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARIA SCIBOR **(A) RIP**
WED 9TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	KITTY POWER **RIP** ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
THURS 10TH	10 AM 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 11TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HILDA MINOLI **INTS** ST JOHN (POPE XX111)
SAT 12TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	OUR BLESSED MOTHER **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST WILFRED
SUN 13TH OCT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH FABIO CEDIEL **RIP** MARY O'SULLIVAN **RIP** 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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 September draw took place last weekend. Winning numbers as follows: Linda Grimes No 29, Pauline Hawes No. 32, John Gannon No.62. Please collect your envelopes from the Sacristy.

SEASON OF CREATION—As we come to the end of the Season of Creation we are reminded by Bishop John Arnold that "Care for the environment is fundamentally part of our faith." Pope Francis also says that each of us has a part to play. More information: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/care-for-the-environment-is-fundamental-to-our-catholic-faith/

DATES FOR THE DIARY



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.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 12 October** (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/ or https://eventcatholic.com/

CONNEX HARVEST LUNCH-St Thomas More Church, 12.45—3.30pm **13th October** see poster for ticket details or phone Julia and 07436 048976

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting next on **Wednesday 16th October** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

SVP The next meeting will be on **Sunday 20th 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.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT DAY -Sat 26 October from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, Harrow Road, Sudbury, 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 /Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for info.

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.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW PILGRIMAGE -26th/ 27th October 2024 visiting the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow and her relics at the Bar Convent, York. Plus social and devotional activities/talks. The event is organised by Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History. All ages are welcome. To book onto this FREE pilgrimage please go to:- https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER +27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
5TH/6TH OCOTBER

6.00 PM MARGARET WYNNE **RIP**
9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM SR NOREEN SMYTH **INTS**



FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Ida Houlden, Caroline Roache**,** 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 :

Michael Keating and Fr Eugene Langdale (former Parish Priest)



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of

FABIO CEDIEL
RIP

ST THOMAS MORE MEMORIAL BOOK
Please see the table at the back of church for application forms and details /charges for entries in the memorial book.(located in the glass case at the front of church)

Dear Parishioners,

'What God has united, man must not divide…'

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus responding to the question from the Pharisees about marriage. Jesus reminds the Pharisees that human life comes from God, that God created us male and female and that a very significant purpose of this is that God's love can be shared through the gift of children and family. The family becomes an 'icon of the Holy Trinity', to use the image given by Pope St John Paul II. God is a communion of love and we are asked to live lives that reflect this origin and purpose. We know that sometimes that love is tested to the extreme in so many ways. Within a marriage it is possible that for many reasons, love seems to have gone completely. This will always have far-reaching and usually damaging effects on those involved, especially in children. Jesus wants the Pharisees to see that if the focus of each person is on the everlasting love of God then there is the best possible chance for relationships to rediscover love and reconciliation. This can help relationships to heal. We also hear this week that the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. Seen together these two passages teach us that God has joined us to his kingdom through the love that comes through Jesus. If we remain united to this love then we can find God's help. If the relationships within a marriage or family have been damaged or separated, then there is still the great need to find God's help and healing to retain whatever love is possible. The Church sees the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony as the best way for a couple to unite their love and be protected by God's grace in their relationship. Jesus offers himself, as the Bridegroom for the Church his Bride, principally on the Cross of his Sacrifice. God asks each of us to be like trusting children as we place our hope in Jesus and so find help and safety in his kingdom.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—4th October. Please hand your envelopes in this weekend or next weekend.



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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for new Altar Servers will begin on **Sunday 20th October 2024** after the 9.30 am Mass. If you are interested and have made your First Holy Communion please join us.

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY– October is the month of the Holy Rosary, with the feast day falling on **7th October**. The Rosary is said every day at St Thomas More before 9.30 mass Monday to Saturday, (apart from Thursday when the start is 10am) Leaflets are available at the back of church on "How to pray the Rosary", there are also beads available to buy if needed.

MISSION —"Mission is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him" *Pope Francis.* There will be a two week Mission appeal starting next Sunday with the Columban Mission Appeal where Fr Pat O'Beirne will be concelebrating the masses and telling us about their work and the following weekend **SUNDAY 19th/20th** is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** with the annual Mission Appeal.

GIFT AID–UK Tax Payer Don't forget, we can claim tax back on your donations. See stewards at mass or the parish office for details.