Mass Times
14th October –20th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 14TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	CATHY FADE **INTS** ST CALLISTUS -1
TUES 15TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JUDY DOKE **INTS** ST TERESA OF JESUS
WED 16TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	RAYMOND KING **INTS** ST MARGARET ALACOQUE
THURS 17TH	10 AM 11 AM		**CHURCH CLOSED**
FRIDAY 18TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SARAH FIGUEIREDO **L/D RIP** ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST **APOSTLE**
SAT 19TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	RICHARD KEATING **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST PAUL OF THE CROSS
SUN 20TH OCT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MARY BLUETT **RIP** BILL SMYTH **INTS** 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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MARY'S MEALS FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION: Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific £722.76 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 37 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER-This is a part time, home-based role (15 hours per week – 2 days equivalent, with a salary of £11333 pa), working as part of the SVP Membership Team in the Hertfordshire area. It requires the ability to travel around the parishes to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. If you are interested in applying, please submit your CV in the first instance, stating your interest in the Westminster MSO post, to HR@svp.org.uk For further information about the post contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership, at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday 3rd November 2024.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY– October is the month of the Holy Rosary. 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



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.

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection date will be confirmed shortly. 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.

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER +28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
12TH/13TH OCOTBER

6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.30 AM FABIO CEDIEL **RIP**
11.30 AM MARY O'SULLIVAN **RIP**



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 :

Bridget Potts, Matilda Mullin, Barbara Bailes, Bridget O'Sullivan, Clement Grant-Ross, Tina-Marie Galvin, Daisy Sutherland, Sheila Miles, Patrick Tobin and Fr Duncan Adamson



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the intentions of

JUDY AND ERIC DOKE

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.

Dear Parishioners,

'All things are possible for God.'

This week's Gospel tells us about the '*rich young man'* who came to Jesus asking what more he could do in his life to follow God's will. Jesus affirms the good that the man is already doing but, when pressed, he invites the man to surrender all his earthly possessions and follow him as a disciple. Jesus says: "*Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me*." The rich young man goes away sad even though Jesus had lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of heaven. Attachments to material and earthly belongings have the potential to impede our spiritual progress. Similarly, when we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from it, we will struggle to enter the kingdom of heaven. The Apostles witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over heaven, and then heard Jesus say '*how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom…'* We are told they were '*astonished'* because riches were seen as a sign of God's favour and blessing. However, Jesus tells them that it is not by human power or riches that heaven is won, but by being open to God, for whom '*all things are possible…'* Jesus has come to teach us that our lives and our ultimate destiny are to be fulfilled only by love. This real treasure is opened up for us by God. Due to the impediment of evil and sin in the human story, it is only through the mysterious key of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross that we can now see this most clearly. Let us reflect, today, upon anything that is difficult for us to let go of in our lives. Are there any commandments that we tend to ignore? Any demand that appears to us to be too much? What are the riches that may be keeping us away from following God's beautiful plan in our lives? *'All things are possible for God.'* In his great love, if we ask him, he will give us the grace to see what holds us back and be made free so that we can follow him. This is the only way to enter the gates of the kingdom of God.

God Bless you, ***Fr Martin***

MISSION -This weekend we welcome the Fr Pat O'Beirne, who will be concelebrating the Sunday masses and telling us about the work of the Columban Missionaries and appealing on their behalf.

Next weekend **19th/20th** is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** with the annual Missio Appeal. "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.*

PASTORAL LETTER– ASSISTED SUICIDE There will be a pastoral letter read at all masses this weekend from Cardinal Vincent Nichols regarding the new proposed legislation and the first reading of the bill on Wednesday 16th October. A copy of this is available on the website. https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/news/pastoral-letter-12-13th-october/

For more information on this topic, please follow this link https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ where there is also a link to the Right to Life contact your MP page. You may also wish to watch the following https://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead



MASS COUNT The annual mass count will take place at all masses today .

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.

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

CONNEX HARVEST LUNCH-Sunday **13th October** see poster for details or phone Julia and 07436 048976 for tickets