SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER +29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
19TH/20TH OCOTBER



6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.30 AM MARY BLUETT **RIP**
11.30 AM BILL 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 :

Betty Bensted, Anthony Mulllin, Suan Mullin, John Henrick, Eileen Athanasiou, Julia Hoy, Tom McKearney, Ted Blundell, Gary Ashby.



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the intentions of

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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,

"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

This week in the Gospel we hear a bold request from the Apostles James and John: *"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."* When the other Apostles heard this request, we are told that they '*became indignant'.* It seems that no one was really understanding what Jesus was trying to constantly show them. However, Jesus uses the occasion to tell them about the nature of his way of loving through service and sacrifice, even to the extent of giving up his life. We ourselves are easily tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honours and admiration. We see that this was also one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted him by promising an earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, gives us an example so that we may do the same. In his offering of his life for us, Jesus provides us with all that we need to overcome our own temptations. Regarding the desire for worldly honours and greatness, Jesus tells us, and then demonstrates on the Cross: '*whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all.*' Let us reflect today, upon the beautiful example of Jesus in the face of the misdirected desires of these apostles. Let us reflect, also, upon Jesus' gentle correction of them. As we do, we can look into our own hearts and seek to discover the true desires which can lead us to God and the Gospel way of life and love. Let us listen to God, be open, and wisely accept what we hear so that we will be free and will experience the joys that await us, both in this life and the next.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—MISSIO 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet!' is this year's theme chosen by Pope Francis. In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that the heart of our mission is to invite everyone to experience the joy of Christ's resurrection, a gift meant to be shared with the whole world. Everyone deserves to know that they are welcome at God's table and to experience God's love, grace and forgiveness. World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas to share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

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



SVP will be meeting this **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.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBAN –Fr Pat O'Beirne has sent his grateful thanks for the hospitality and generosity shown by the Parish last weekend when he visited on behalf of the Columbans. We will be able to advise the total amount collected shortly.

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, (Thursday 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, including some from Lourdes.

Mass Times
21st October –27th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 21ST OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	JAN JONES **INTS**
TUES 22ND OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CHRISTINA ETUKA **INTS** Wedding Anniversary **ST JOHN PAUL II**
WED 23RD OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JUDY DOKE **INTS** **ST JOHN CAPISTRANO**
THURS 24TH	10 AM 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 25TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	KATHLEEN MURCHAN **(A) RIP**
SAT 26TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARGARET WYNNE **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
SUN 27TH OCT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	RICHARD KEATING AND EILEEN POWLEY **RIP** ROMAN AND ZENON (A) RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **30TH SUNDAY 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/

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PARISH OFFICE The parish office will be closed from Monday 21st October to Monday 28th October.

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.**

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.

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.

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. 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



ST JOAN OF ARC OPEN EVENING SIXTH FORM All Year 11 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 23rdOctober from 5:00pm until 7:00pm**.You can view our Sixth Form Prospectus via this link:-https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2468/sixth-form-prospectus

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.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting next on **Wednesday 30th October** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

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.