SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER +30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
26TH/27TH OCOTBER

6.00 PM RICHARD KEATING + EILEEN POWLEY **RIP**

9.30 AM ROMAN AND ZENON (A) RIP

11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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 :

Tina Marie Galvin, Kathleen Murchan, David Barker, John McMahon, Peter Hutchinson, Clair Wheeler



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,

"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

This Sunday's Gospel recounts the story of the healing of Bartimaeus. As a blind man, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. His blindness may have also been considered as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would likely have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. On a spiritual level, we can see his predicament as a symbol of our fallen state. Due to the impediment of evil and sin at work in the world we cannot attain heaven by ourselves or arrive at a proper understanding of what constitutes a happy and healthy life. The moment Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was walking by, he cried out: *"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."* The people who heard him rebuked him and told him to stop, but this only led him to be more insistent in his request. The prayer of Bartimaeus can become the way we pray. It is very easy to become discouraged in life and to lose hope. When that happens, our prayer becomes weak and ineffective. The rebukes by the crowd can be a symbol of the many temptations we experience to give up on prayer. When those temptations come, we can double our effort and strengthen our resolve. Jesus' initial silence can also be seen as an invitation to pray with greater faith. When Jesus stopped and told the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to him, Bartimaeus immediately got up, threw off his cloak and went to our Lord. His cloak can be a symbol of everything we need to shed in life that keeps us from responding to the promptings of grace. Bartimaeus' prayer was perfect: *"Master, I want to see."* Spiritually speaking, our deepest desire is to see God. Jesus came to show God to us in all his beautiful words and actions and ultimately by his sacrificial death on the Cross. The Resurrection proved divinity of Jesus and asks us now to live by faith in God's everlasting love. If we desire the gift of vision and faith, the ability to see and understand this spiritual truth of God's unending love, then our Lord will answer our prayer and be able to say to us, *"Go your way; your faith has saved you."* Let us reflect, today, upon how we pray. Let us follow the example of Bartimaeus, and our Lord will give us new sight so that we can follow him more fully every day.

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

DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO BACK THIS WEEKEND!

CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL The 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**

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING Unfortunately there has been no uptake or interest shown in the 2024 training sessions for new Altar Servers starting on 20th October. For this reason the 2024 training has been cancelled.

ALL SOULS MASS FOR THE DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS – The 6.00pm evening Mass for next Saturday 2nd November will be offered especially for the faithful departed whom we would like to remember. As this feast falls on a weekend we will be thinking and praying especially for family and friends in the Holy Mass of Saturday evening, with the invitation to light a candle in front of the sanctuary during the service as a special way of remembering.

Mass Times
28th October – 3rd November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 28TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	CHARLOTTE AND BABY **INTS** SS. SIMON AND JUDE APOSTLES
TUES 29TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI
WED 30TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS 31ST		**10—11 AM** **7.30 PM**	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION ALL SAINTS—VIGIL MASS PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRIDAY 1ST NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARIETA + AURELIO ATIENZA **(A) RIP** ALL SAINTS DAY
SAT 2ND NOV	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARIETA + FRED ATIENZA (**A**) **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
SUN 3RD NOVE		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE MASS PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ESTHER NAKPIL **RIP** 31ST 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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100 CLUB The October draw will take place this weekend. Winners will be announced in the newsletter next weekend.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS – we will be starting a monthly Sunday evening Youth Mass for those aged 13 years or above on 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. Posters and publicity will follow.

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.

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



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. **SVP** will be meeting next on **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.

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.

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.