SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2024 + 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT + CHRISTMAS

DAY	Church open	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
SUN 22ND	4TH SUN ADVENT	6 PM SAT 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	MARY TOMLINSON **(A)** TOM LYNSKEY **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MON 23RD	9.00 AM	9.30 AM	THERESA MCGILLOWAY **RIP**
TUES 24TH	 CAROLS	9.30 AM 6.00PM 10.00PM	GORDON & GERALDINE WALLACE **RIP** **CHRISTMAS EVE** **FIRST MASS** CHRISTMAS - (family) MIDNIGHT MASS
WED 25TH		10.30AM	**CHRISTMAS DAY** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THUR 26TH		9.30 AM	PARISH ALTAR SERVERS **ST STEPHEN**
FRI 27TH	9.00 AM	9.30 AM	ALAN & MARY ASHFIELD **INTS** **ST JOHN THE APOSTLE**
SAT 28TH	9.00 AM	9.30AM	NORA CAIN **INTS** **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY AND THE CRIB

burns this coming Christmas week, for the intentions of

THE SCHAEFFER FAMILY

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and blessings to everyone in the parish of St Thomas More Church Eastcote at this Christmas time! May the light of the new born Jesus shine radiantly into all of our lives. May the hope and promise which Jesus comes to bring us encourage us deeply to believe that we are firmly established in the care of our loving eternal Father. May we feel close to the Holy Family of Bethlehem who suffered hardship, uncertainty and poverty as they trusted lovingly in God's plan revealed through their divine Son. Jesus is the greatest gift we will ever receive and he has given everything for us, including his own life on a Cross, that we might know the love God has for each and every one of us. May our prayers also strengthen those who are suffering especially at this time, both nearby and throughout all the world, especially because of loneliness or economic hardship or the violence due to war. We remember particularly the suffering people of the Holy Land in these difficult days. Let us be consoled with the promises of our faith, that Jesus our Lord is 'Emmanuel', God-with-us, and that he is close to our whole world in all our needs. Let us be united in faith and encouraged that God has given us our parish as a source of love and support in our lives.



I wish everyone a very blessed and peaceful Christmas celebration.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Tracey Ashby, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell .

THOSE IN OUR LOCAL NURSING HOMES
Mary Richards, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS
Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy , Hilda Minoli.



FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Mary Tomlinson, Jenny Skwirzynska, Denis Quigley, Alfred Cook, Alan Goodwin, Derek Bensted.

CRIB OFFERINGS– The cardinal has again asked that this years crib offerings go to the Catholic Children's society.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/ RECONCILIATION All parents / guardians who signed their children up for the 2025 programme should have received an e mail with the dates of the classes. If you have not received the e mail, please let the parish office.



SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2024 + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH +

MASS TIMES

30th December—5th January 2025

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 30TH	9.00AM	**9.30AM**	DAMIEN **INTS**
TUES 31ST	9.00AM	**9.30 AM**	PHILOMENA MCFADDEN **(L/D) RIP**
WED 1ST	9.00AM	**10.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
THURS 2ND	10-11AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 3RD	9.00 AM	**9.30 AM**	JUDY DOKE **INTS**
SAT 4TH	9.00AM	**9.30AM**	SHEILA KEABLE **RIP**
SUN 5TH	**EPIPHANY** 	**6PM SAT VIGIL** **9.30AM** **11.30AM**	FRANK TUOHY **(A) RIP** FR ANTON MATTHIAS **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

28TH/29TH DECEMBER



6.00 PM (Sat Eve) The Luckhurst Family– **Thanksgiving**

9.30 AM People of the parish

11.30 AM Edward Murchan & John Donoghue **RIP**

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NOTICES

100 CLUB December draw will take place this weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION f your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 14th June 2025, 12.00 pm** forms are now available to complete at the back of church to join the programme that starts in the New Year. Please return to the parish office by the **12th January 2025.**

DATES FOR OUR DIARY

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE—'Come and Sing With Us' - **Sunday 5th January** 4—5 pm at Field End Farm, 86 Field End Road, the light display in Eastcote for Great Ormond Street. See posters for more details.



SVP—Will meet next on **Sunday 5th January** after the 9.30 am mass in the library.

FOODBANK Thank you for your contributions. The next collection will be **Monday 6th January**

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 8th January** and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

PPC MEETING—The next meeting will be **14th January** at **8pm** in the library.

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/EASTCOTE/