SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY +3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



25TH /26TH JANUARY

6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9.30 AM HILDA MINOLI AND FAMILY **INTS**

11.30 AM KATHLEEN EDWARD AND MICHAEL MURCHAN **(A) RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED

Tracey Ashby, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy , Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Norah Donnelly, Joseph McConnell, John Philpott, Anne Cox.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week

for the intentions of

MOIRA O ROURKE



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY



burn this coming week

In loving memory of

NORAH DONNELLY

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear of beginnings of the public ministry Jesus from St Luke. Jesus went to Galilee 'in the power of the Spirit' and many people heard about Him and welcomed Him with enthusiasm. With great promise of hope Jesus declares in the synagogue: *"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."* Though Jesus was initially welcomed with praise, we know that things ultimately changed. Eventually the reaction from some was so hostile that He was put to death, yet by that very act he willingly became the fulfilment of the *'Lord's year of favour',* by bringing salvation to God's creation through His death and Resurrection. This week we can consider: when did we initially encounter the Gospel? For some it was during childhood. For others, there was a powerful experience of conversion later in life. We can think of that initial encounter we had and the ways that we were excited by our faith. Has that experience continued and grown in our life? Or has our initial praise of God and enthusiasm dwindled or become routine? Let us reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants us to continuously experience the Gospel as something new and transforming. The newness of the life of grace need never wear off. Let us ponder this experience in our life and try to see ourselves as one of the people in today's Gospel who heard Jesus for the first time. Let us ponder their enthusiasm and join in their praise of our Lord so that we will be motivated to let God and the preaching of His holy Word continuously transform us and carry us throughout this Jubilee year of the *Lord's favour,* as Pilgrims of Hope.

God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

FUNERAL DETAILS : Following the sad news of the death of Fr Seán Carroll, from Sacred Heart Church in Ruislip, details of his funeral services are as follows: On Wednesday 29 January, after the reception of the coffin into the church, there will be a Requiem Mass, with Bishop James Curry presiding, at 7pm. Then, Fr Seán's Funeral Mass will be in the same church at 12noon on Thursday 30 January with Cardinal Vincent Nichols presiding and the homily given by Fr Joe Ryan.

THE PASSION The next rehearsal for the dramatization of the Passion to be held at St Thomas More at Easter, is this Sunday, 26th January at 3pm in the parish centre.

YOUTH MASS Sunday 2nd February at 6pm in the church, followed by a social time until 8.30 pm. If you are in school year 9 or above, (or below 30!) this is an opportunity to be with people of similar ages, both at mass and after. Why not bring a friend– All welcome.

JUBILEE BOOKLETS– PILGRIMS OF HOPE There are some booklets that have been produced especially for the Jubilee. These are available at the back of church and include, prayers and reflections. They are free, so please take one.

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/

Mass Times
27th January to 2nd February

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 27TH JAN	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BREDA MCGILLICUDDY **INTS** ST ANGELA MERICI
TUES 28TH JAN	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CATH GORMAN **INTS**
WED 29TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **1.00 PM**	NIAL AND TONY **INTS** **FUNERLAL** OF THE LATE PHYLLIS O BRIEN **RIP**
THURS 30TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 31ST JAN	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM 11.00 AM	CORA AND TARA **INTS** **FUNERAL** OF THE LATE GIOVANNA BLASETI **RIP**
SAT 1ST FEB	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	RITA AND PATRICK **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUN 2ND FEB		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM** **6.00 PM**	MOIRA O ROURKE **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH CATHY FADE **RIP** YOUTH MASS PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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100 CLUB This weekend the draw will take place for the month of January. Winners will be announced next week. If you are not signed up for this, it is not too late. You could be the winner of either £100, £50 or £25 each month. for the equivalent of £5 per month, all proceeds to church funds. See posters and flyers for details of how to join.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met on 14 January. The main theme of our discussions was "bringing people together", which is important for the life of our parish. We expressed our congratulations and gratitude to Earlroy Edwards and Fr Martin for getting the monthly Youth Masses up and running. There have been three so far, all well-attended. We look forward to the Folk Group's St Patrick's night on 22 March and to Bernard Luckhurst's dramatization of The Passion, which opens on 8 April. If you would like to find out more about our work, feel encouraged to contact me Anthony Inglese, Chair PPC (anthony.inglese@btinternet.com) or our secretary, Patricia Barron (patricia@rfwassociates.com).

CLOTHES RAILS If anyone has a full height clothes rail they can loan to the church to help store garments for The Passion at Easter, please contact Madaline Luckhurst 020 8866 7706– we are looking for two.

MASS FOR THE SICK -Saturday 8th February 2025 Westminster Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you would like to attend, please let the parish office know, as places will need to be booked. Tickets are available in 3 categories, those in a wheelchair or those walking who would like to be anointed and those assisting the sick who with no anointing

RESPONDING TO THE PSALMS The Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference has been reflecting on how best to support and sustain a person's prayer life. Taking the Responsorial Psalm from the Sunday Liturgy of the Word, we're inviting you to reflect on each verse for a few days and hope to stimulate this process by providing short, simple questions to encourage deeper thought before moving on to the next verse. Please follow this link for more information and to download the monthly material https://www.cbcew.org.uk/responding-to-the-psalms/

DATES FOR THE DIARY



SVP—Will next meet **Sunday 2nd February** after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome.

FOODBANK– Thank you for your donations, please keep them coming. The next collection will be on **3rd February.**

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 5th February** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and a discussion around the current material from the Agency for Evangelisation for small groups.