SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY +THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

4TH /5TH JANUARY



6.00 PM FRANK TUOHY **(A) RIP**
9.30 AM FR ANTON MATTHIAS **RIP**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
6.00 PM YOUTH MASS

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 : Frank Tuohy, Frances Reynolds, Mary and Patrick Tobin

THE CANDLE IN THE SANCTUARY



has been donated this week for the intentions of

CATH AND FAMILY





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week for the intentions of

ANNA AND DANIELE

Dear Parishioners,

"Where is the new-born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of our Lord's Epiphany to the Magi, also called the three Wise Men or three Kings. This year this feast can help us enter into the Jubilee Year of Hope that the Church is celebrating in 2025. The wise men used all their knowledge and abilities to enable them to become pilgrims of hope, following the sign of the star to Bethlehem. When they saw this brilliant star, they were filled with wonder and a desire to find out its significance. God called them through the star and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey. When they arrived they fell down and worshipped *the new-born king of the Jews* and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh *to do him homage*. This feast helps us to understand the meaning of Jesus as Emmanuel, God with us; God now comes to us and speaks to us through signs and ways that we can understand because he has become like us. In Jesus, God has come so close to us that he will be able to sacrifice himself for us and offer his Body and Blood on the Cross and give himself to us in each Holy Mass. Now, God is constantly calling us to seek him out and worship him. Our parish is an initial place to consider where we are given this 'Epiphany' of God, to give him our worship and to be signs of God's love for one another. The parish environment seems ordinary to us in some ways, but through it we receive the gift of eternal life and membership of God's Church. Today is a good day to ask how God is calling us. In what way is God sending us a star of hope to follow in this new year ahead? What gifts from our daily life can we offer to God to show him our love and devotion? How can we be a 'star' for others? We can learn from the Magi as God calls us to follow him with deeper trust, surrender and worship. Like the Wise Men we can be Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year and pray to come closer to God and his plan for ourselves and our world.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

SVP—Will meet this **Sunday 5th January** after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome to come along and see how those in need in our parish and community are helped and supported.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE—'Come and Sing With Us' - this **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. (Weather permitting)

YOUTH MASS 6pm this Sunday -5th, followed by a social. Are you are aged 14—30? If so, this an opportunity to be with people of your own age, to share in mass and then enjoy a social time in the hall after until 8.30pm.

Bring a friend and spread the word.



Mass Times
16th December—22nd December

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 6TH JAN	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDWARD GORMAN **(A) RIP**
TUES 7TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CATH GORMAN **INTS**
WED 8TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH **INTS**
THURS 9TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI-DAY 10TH JAN	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	MARY QUINN **INTS**
SAT 11TH JAN	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PAT AND KEN FAILLE **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN 12TH JAN		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	MARY HANRAHAN **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH CLIVE THOMAS **(A) RIP** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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PARISH PRIEST: Fr Martin Plunkett

PARISH OFFICE: Mon—Thurs 9.30 to 12 noon **Administrator:** Tessa Maude **CLOSED to 6th January**

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RADIO MARIA—If you like to listen to the radio, this is a Catholic 24 hour radio station based in the Uk and also part of the world family of Radio Maria formed in 1998. Leaflets with more details are available at the back of church for those who don't have access to a computer. If you do, follow this link to learn options on how to listen and what the daily programmes involve. https://radiomariaengland.uk/ examples are the Angelus, Rosary , readings of the day, Holy Mass, poetry , hymns, discussions.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If 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 THE DIARY



FOODBANK– Thank you for your donations, the next collection will be **Monday 6th January** 2025.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 8th January** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fort-night 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.

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

SPUC Visit/collection—18th / 19th January 2025.

LIVE STREAMING –For information:

All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.



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/