SUNDAY 2ND MARCH + 8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

1ST/2ND MARCH

6.00PM PATRICK DENIS & EILEEN O' SULLIVAN **RIP**

9.30AM PAULINE FITZGERALD **(A) RIP**

11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick / In need
Pope Francis, Yvonne Scott, Sharon Evans**,** Loreto Berry, Tracey Ashby, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus.

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :
Henry Powley, Sr Carmel Cussen, Tommie Loftus, Alec Roke, Pauline Fitzgerald

WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul of **Norma Kolakowska** and **Mary Richards** recently departed.



THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP
has been donated this week
for the intentions of

SHARON EVANS AND FAMILY





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burn this coming week
for the intentions of

ANNA AND DANIELE

Dear Parishioners,

'… When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.'

In this Sunday's Gospel, following last week's teaching on loving our enemies, Jesus continues to guide us on how we treat others. Jesus asks his disciples to become *'fully trained'*. What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. This means that we become like Jesus, who is our one and only teacher. So we can ask ourselves - are we willing to be like him in every way? Being fully trained in an occupation, such as a teacher, lawyer or doctor, means learning the necessary facts about that profession and then putting them into practice. In the Christian life there are certainly many teachings we can learn. However, to be *fully trained,* it is necessary to desire that God lives within us and acts through us. So, Christian training is the practice of allowing God to teach us and to become one with us so that it is him who fundamentally acts in and through us. This form of *training* seeks to free us from spiritual blindness. This allows us to come to know the person who is Jesus Christ and to allow us to be loved by him so that he can truly enter into our hearts. This makes us disposed to be guided by the grace and mercy of God, which is necessary to live the commandments of love that Jesus has left us. To *love our enemies* or to look always first at the *log that is in our own eyes before we look at the speck in another's eye,* cannot be done without God's help. This is why Jesus went to the Cross on our behalf because we are simply not able to enter into the divine project for our lives without the mystery of the sacrifice of love that Jesus makes on our behalf. Inspired by his extraordinary love for us and open to the limitless grace and mercy of Jesus, we can then be a *tree that is known by its fruit,* as we put these commandments into practice in our lives. So, are we fully trained? Do we daily keep our eyes on Jesus? Do we allow God to act in our life and, through us, into the lives of others? This is only possible when we admit the ways with which we struggle to turn our eyes to Jesus, and allow him to become one with us. Let us start by turning to Jesus as he dwells within us. Let us search for him, seek him and love him. If we keep your eyes upon Jesus, he will carefully take care of the rest, leading us to a *fully trained* and fruitful life.

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

YOUTH MASS- SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 6.00PM for year 9 and above. Followed by a social in the hall to 8.30pm. Come along, bring a friend and spread the word.

SVP—Will meet this **Sunday 2nd March,** after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY –START OF LENT—There will be two masses this coming Wednesday—9.30 am and 6.00 pm, to include the distribution of ashes.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE—LENT GROUPS Last chance to sign up this weekend either use the link https://forms.gle/ZY6ygaUtJEQv9Dut5 or use the paper sign-up sheet at the back of church.

RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry for couples who are in crisis. They reach out to people who may need their help and support- www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call 0797 338 0443.

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
2nd March- 9th March

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 3RD MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CLIVE & CARMELINA THOMAS **RIP**
TUES 4TH MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NEIL CASEY **RIP**
WED 5TH MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **6.00 PM**	ROSALIA CATOLICO (**L/D) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **ASH WEDNESDAY**
THURS 276TH MARCH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 7TH MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	YOLANDA SERRANO **INTS** **SS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY**
SAT 8TH MARCH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JANE'S **INTENTIONS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** **ST JOHN OF GOD**
SUN 9TH MARCH		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ETHNA HOUGH **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH POPE FRANCIS **INTS** **FIRST SUNDAY LENT**

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100 CLUB– The draw will take place this weekend for February. We have some new members on board. Winners will be announced in the newsletter next week.

PANCAKE SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - A big Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make our Pancake Sunday and raffle such a success. We served 82 pancakes and a mixture of toppings. 50 of the pancakes were home made by Maria H. in advance, taking many hours, so extra special thanks to her for her generous support. Raffle winners have been contacted, prizes are available to collect from the sacristy after mass.

THE ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Governors for a number of our Schools local Governing Boards in Watford; Rickmansworth; Hemel Hempstead; Berkhamsted; and St Albans. If you are interested in supporting our schools and Trust please contact Christina Reffold, Director of Governance & Compliance at governance@ascat.co.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 5th March** 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 half an hour of discussion around the latest literature produced by the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2PM Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip, followed by refreshments.

FOODBANK– Thank you for your donations, please keep them coming. The next collection will be on **10th March.**

EVENING OF IRISH SONG - SATURDAY 22ND MARCH in the Parish Hall to celebrate St. Patrick's Day led by the Folk Group. Free entry. Donations to Barnardo's Eastcote and Churches Together in Eastcote welcome. Doors open at 7.00 and singing commences at 7.30. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please bring your own picnic for the interval.

SPECIAL MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS– 5TH APRIL 2025 Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Bishop McAeenan at 2pm. Open to individuals, couples and families, no booking required.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL **Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm** The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

LIVE STREAMING –For INFORMATION -All the parish masses and services are live streamed. Those on the sanctuary, sanctuary steps during mass or seated at the front of the church, may appear on the live feed on line.