SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY +5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

8TH/9TH FEBRUARY



6.00PM KATHLEEN KENNY **L/D RIP**
9.30AM TESSA MAUDE & FAMILY **INTS**
11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Alan Edmondson, 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 Donnachie, Gerry Brady, Simone Guibaud, Jerry Vaz.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week

for the intentions of

STELLA MURRAY



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burn this coming week

for the intentions of

CHARLOTTE JONES AND BABY TOBY

Dear Parishioners,

"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about the miraculous catch of fish performed by Jesus and then Peter's personal invitation from him to become an apostle and a *fisher of men*. We can notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite him to become one of the twelve apostles; the trade of fishing. From this familiar aspect, Jesus then invites Peter to go further than he would normally go - *"out into the deep."* The deep water can symbolise the need for the Gospel to go to the ends of the earth, and for Peter to have the trust and courage to lead the way for the Church. The *'great number of fish'* can represent the superabundance of souls that will be reached through the apostolic ministry of the Church throughout the ages. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing and was perhaps tired and discouraged. Jesus teaches Peter that he does not have to give in to that discouragement – God will supply the increase. This points to the mysterious and beautiful way that we are saved through the Cross of Jesus. What seems to be wrong, difficult, of no use or even evil, God's almighty love and power can turn around and use for good. From us it is only willingness and faith that are required – to *put out into the deep.* In our own lives, we can all get discouraged. The test of our fidelity to God is whether we can continue to trust in God's love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways. Let us reflect, today, upon the voice of God in our life. What is it that we may sense him calling us to do? What is the deep water to which God may be calling us? As we ponder this, we can also reflect on the response of Peter: *"Master…at your command I will lower the nets."* If we can say "Yes" to the invitation of our Lord, even if it is difficult and we do not feel like doing it, we will find that in this act of fidelity, God can bring forth an abundance of good fruit in our lives and in our world.

God Bless You , *Fr Martin*

RAFFLE We are holding a raffle over the next few weeks, to be drawn on Pancake Sunday at our parish breakfast. The prizes are on display in the narthex. Beautiful baskets that have a mixture of goodies, from a basket for the tennis player to an evening in with a DVD and pasta. The choice will be yours to pick, as the winning numbers are drawn. Tickets are £1 each or £5 a strip and all proceeds are going towards church funds. Thank you for your support and Good Luck.

SUNDAY February 9th: WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST THOMAS MORE! The catholic history walk today is concentrating on our patronal saint -Thomas More**.** Meeting at 3pm, Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, London SW3 5QZ. Nearest tube: Sloane Square. They will walk to the site of St Thomas More's home, and finish with Vespers and Benediction in Allen Hall, the seminary where men are training for the priesthood. No Need to book, just turn up, but if you would like more information about this and future walks follow the link **www.catholichistorywalks.com**

HYMN BOOKS -if anyone would like to take an old hymn book for home use or knows someone who is perhaps housebound and would appreciate having the hymn book to use whilst watching the live feed at home, please take one. They are in a box by the front entrance.

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
10th February—16th February

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 10TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BEATRICE LONG **INTS** ST SCHOLASTICA
TUES 11TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BARBARA WHITEHEAD **L/D RIP** OUR LADY OF LOURDES
WED 12TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ALBERT HERRIG **(A) RIP** ST AGATHA
THURS 13TH FEB	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 14TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	KITTY POWER **RIP** SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS
SAT 15TH FEB	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ROWENA ONG **INTS B'DAY** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** BLESSED VIRIGN MARY
SUN 16TH FEB		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH KEVIN & MARY FLYNN AND FAMILY **INTS** SHEILA JONES **INTS** 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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PANCAKE SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - After the 9.30 folk mass, we will be serving coffee and pancakes, with a variety of toppings. Come along and enjoy this late breakfast together and be imaginative with your toppings. We will also be drawing the raffle (see front page for details)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE—LENT GROUPS "Opening the Scriptures: setting our hearts on fire", written by Clare Amos and published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. There will be two groups, one on Tuesday afternoons 2.30 to 4pm in Pinner Methodist Church, led by Lynita Conradie, and one on Wednesday evenings 8 to 9.30pm in the Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church, led by Jane Inglese. The course takes inspiration from the Road to Emmaus and the words of the disciples: "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the scriptures to us?" This will be an opportunity to explore the scriptures anew and to share and deepen our faith with others. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of printing the course materials. To sign up for a group, please follow the link https://forms.gle/ZY6ygaUtJEQv9Dut5 or use the paper sign-up sheet, by 28th February. THANK YOU.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



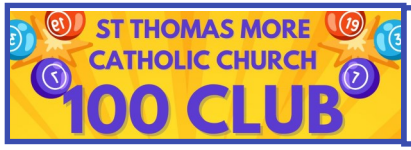
FOODBANK– Thank you for your donations, please keep them coming. The next collection will be this coming week.

SVP—Will next meet **Sunday 16th February** after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 19th 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.

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 give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). Details of attendees are then sent by the parish to family@rcdow.org.uk

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.



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.