SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY + 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

15TH/16TH FEBRUARY

6.00PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9.30AM KEVIN & MARY FLYNN AND FAMILY **INTS**

11.30AM SHEILA JONES **INTS**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick / In need
Loreto Berry, 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 :
Shirley Ryan, Owen Hoy, Patricia Perry, Brigid McGee, Pauline Fitzgerald.

WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul of **Alan Edmondson** recently departed.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

has been donated this week in

THANKSGIVING

from the Hall Family



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burn this coming week
in loving memory of

GERRY BRADY

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"Blessed are you who are poor, yours is the Kingdom of God"

This Sunday's Gospel gives us St Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Jesus gives us a vision of the blessed life which defies the usual conditions which it is thought are needed in order to be happy. Our new scriptural translation in the liturgy restores the word 'Blessed' into our readings and therefore helps us understand something of this way of life Jesus is both living himself, and presenting to us. This way is the way of holiness or sainthood. Sainthood can be easily dismissed as an impossible lifestyle far beyond our reach. We may not consider ourselves among the well-known persons such as Our Lady, St Joseph, the Apostles, St Patrick, St Francis or St Mother Teresa of Calcutta – they may be holy, we are just 'normal'! However, the Beatitudes give us a portrait of a saint that is more attainable than we might think. Saints can be poor by worldly standards, mostly because they share generously what they have with others. Saints can mourn without despairing. Saints can deal with others gently rather than violently. Saints can withstand insult and injury. Saints can forgive others their failings. Saints can hunger for a better world. Saints can be never completely satisfied in this world because they are living in the hope of the *Kingdom of God.* As St. Augustine famously said "You have made me for yourself O Lord, and my soul is restless, until it rests in you." Do we find any traces of ourselves in the Beatitudes? Jesus lived the Beatitudes and he helps us to become more and more a beatitude person. Jesus was poor and persecuted and mourned and hungered that the world would come to know his Father's love and that we would love one another as he has loved us. The love of Jesus went as far as the Cross and now goes even further as he still longs that the world will live in the light of God's love. The Beatitudes allow us to be Pilgrims of Hope, as they proclaim the victory of God's love in our world through Jesus. Let us reflect to day on how we can offer the incompleteness in our lives to God and let him fill it with his blessedness. We may just become saints in the process and in our poverty receive the *Kingdom of God!*

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

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 16th February—Heavenly Father, thank you for leading us, may we never falter on this journey we have undertaken. Instead we offer you the difficulties and the challenges encountered on this road, knowing that each pilgrim step, taken in faith, and in love for you and our brothers and sisters will bring us closer to that end which is your desire for us – justice for all your people. AMEN

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

RAFFLE We are holding a to be drawn on Pancake Sunday, (next weekend) at our parish breakfast. Some of the prizes are on display in the narthex. Beautiful baskets or a mystery wrapped box, 11 prizes in total, the choice will be yours to pick, as the winning numbers are drawn. Tickets are £1 each or £5 a strip—just choose your number and ticket colour on the sign up sheet and use the envelopes provided for ticket money. All proceeds to church funds, thank you.

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.

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VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/EASTCOTE/

Mass Times
17th February –23rd February

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 17TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NORA DUFFY **RIP** THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER
TUES 18TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MOIRA AND FAMILY **INTS**
WED 19TH FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FR MARTIN **INTS**
THURS 20TH FEB	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 21ST FEB	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	CHRISSIE ENRIGHT **RIP** ST PETER DAMIAN
SAT 22ND-FEB	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	OLIVER + DANNY MCSHANE **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
SUN 23RD FEB		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MOIRA O ROURKE **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH JOHN HINDE (A) **RIP** 7TH 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. There will be two groups, Tuesday afternoons 2.30 to 4pm in Pinner Methodist Church, led by Lynita Conradie, and 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?" please follow the link https://forms.gle/ZY6ygaUtJEQv9Dut5 or use the paper sign-up sheet at the back of church, by **28th February.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

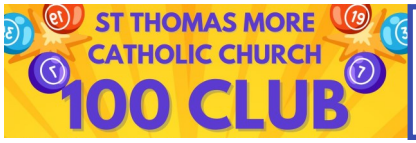
THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 19th February** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and a discussion around the current material from the Agency for Evangelisation for small groups.

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.

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.

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.



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.

LIVE STREAMING –For info. -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.