SUNDAY 16TH MARCH + 2ND SUNDAY LENT +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

15TH/ 16TH MARCH

6.00PM JOSEF, MARIAN AND MARIA **RIP**
9.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30AM IZABEL MALHEIROS **INTS**

FOR OUR PRAYERS



FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Pope Francis, Sharon Evans**,** Loreto Berry, Tracey Ashby, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell

THOSE IN OUR 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 :
Reg Davies, Grace Carey, Ann Garner.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
by the Radlett Family

IN THANKSGIVING





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the intentions of

CHRISTINA ETUKA

Dear Parishioners,

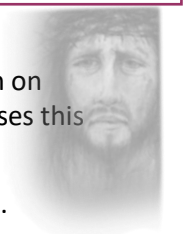
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

In this second Sunday of Lent we are given the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. The face of Jesus becomes dazzling and glorious as his whole appearance is transfigured. By his side appear Moses and Elijah and the voice of the Father is heard ringing out: *"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."* In the midst of all this Peter, James and John are mysteriously overcome with fatigue. Saint Ambrose suggested that the sleep of Peter and his companions was a result of them encountering "*the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature*." The transfiguration of Jesus was simply too much for them to comprehend because we all struggle to see the glory of God in our weakened and fallen human state. Afterwards however they became '*fully awake*' and were able to open their eyes to see God's glory being revealed.
At this point in our Lenten preparation for Easter this could be seen as a call to all of us to wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God at work in our lives and in our world. Moses and Elijah were discussing the '*Exodus*' of Jesus which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. This is a reference to his work of redemption on the Cross which would set us all free from the effects of evil, sin and death and which would enable our *exodus,* or escape, from being slaves of this world. Peter wanted to build tents as an expression of his desire to secure this moment and participate in it in a practical way. We too, are invited continuously to participate in the life of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if we continually seek to become fully awakened to the presence and love of Jesus as he reveals himself to us. Then in the joy of that encounter, we go forth to build up God's Church by our desire to see God glorified by lives of charity. Let us reflect, today, upon Peter, James and John and prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. In what ways do we need to wake up and begin to realise how God's glory comes to us through the sacrifice of his beloved Son and how we are called to receive eternal life through him. Let us pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire us to follow in their footsteps and be Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year journeying towards the great feast of Easter.

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

SVP will be meeting this **Sunday 16th March** after the 9.30 mass in the library.

DRAMATIZATION OF THE PASSION - Tickets for "The Last Days of Jesus, " the dramatization of The Passion on Thursday 10th and 11th April at 7.30 pm and Saturday 12th April at 3.00pm, will be available after all Masses this weekend or through Jackie Keating on **07932 051742**. Spaces are limited so don't delay.



CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL– Hope and new beginnings. Details and envelopes by the entrance to church.

EVENING OF IRISH SONG - SAT 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.



Mass Times
17th March—23rd March

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 17TH-MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDDIE & BRIDIE MOLLOY **RIP** SAINT PATRICK
TUES 18TH MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LISA O'KEEFFE **L/D RIP**
WED 19TH MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BRENDA HARPER **RIP** ST JOSEPH
THURS 20TH MARCH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	YVONNE BYRNE **L/D RIP**
SAT 22ND MARCH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NORMA KOLAKOWSKA **L/D RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN 23RD-MARCH		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	JOHN & CHRISSIE KENE AND FAMILY **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH CATHERINE TAYLOR AND FAMILY **INTS**

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

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SPECIAL EVENT There is an opportunity for young children (primary age) to appear in the Last Days of Jesus, the dramatization of the Passion, in a scene where Jesus welcomes them in. There is no speaking involved and we will keep rehearsal times to a minimum. If your child/children would like to be involved in one or more of the days, please can you let me know asap? Many thanks. Jane Inglese 07779 626068 jinglese@btinternet.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE –5th March to 13th April You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Vigil location Ealing Green, opposite Pitshanger Manor W5 5EQ. Vigil hours 7am to 8pm daily. E mail to sign up london40daysforlife@hotmail.com or call Sarah 07776 256838.

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

DEANERY LENT DAY—SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 9.30 AM—3PM Pield Heath House School, Pield Heath Road, UB8 3NW. A day with talks, Mass Adoration and Confession led by Fr John Hemer, MHM. E mail uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk or call Angela: 01895 233193 to book a place. Tea and coffee provided, bring packed lunch.

JUBILEE RETREAT AND HEALING MINISTRY—Fr Rozo Palic, who has a special charism in caring for those with spiritual, physical, psychological problems, various addictions and depression, will be at Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Greenford on **Thursday 3rd April from 5pm -Mass at 7pm, and Friday 4th April from 10am -mass at 11am**.

YOUTH MASS- Sunday 6th April 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 **7th April.**

REDISCOVER YOU MARRIAGE-The next programme commences with a week-end in Welwyn Garden City on **20th - 22nd June 2025** Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk. No group therapy or group work.

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.