SUNDAY 1ST JUNE + 7TH SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM SAT EVE RINA AND SUKRU DEMIR **RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM MARY RICHARDS **RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially
Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Marie Hardy.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Harry Butler, Marie Blanshard

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

TERRY





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
for the intentions of

NITINA

Dear Parishioners,

'Father, the glory you have given me I have given to them, so that they may be one even as we are one.'

In this Sunday's Gospel, which comes between the Ascension of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit in the feast of Pentecost, we hear from the high priestly prayer of Jesus on the night he is arrested. This prayer concluded the Last Supper at which Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist. It is therefore a Eucharistic prayer which will culminate in the offering of the life of Jesus, the Lamb of God, on the Cross the next day. Jesus was praying, not only for the Apostles, but for everyone throughout time who would hear and respond to the Gospel. The prayer of Jesus was that we could all share in the perfect union of love that he shares with his Father. Jesus prayed that we all may be one in the same way that he and the Father are one, saying: *'Father, the glory you have given me I have given to them, so that they may be one even as we are one.'* Deep within each of us is a great desire to belong and be united to one another. We see this in the draw towards marriage, in the love between a parent and child, the desire for friends and the bonding together as a community. We want to be one. The drama in our lives comes because our ability to be united with others has been deeply wounded by Original Sin. The mission of the Son of God is therefore to restore what was lost and even to transform it into something greater. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are offered a way to live in peace with each other and to share in a new spiritual union with God as his children. As we rediscover this desire that God placed within us, we can draw great consolation from the high priestly prayer of Jesus. We are called to share in God's very life. When that happens, we grow towards a more perfect and holy union with one another. In this life, where we see reflections of this unifying love, in marriage, in friendships, in parental and familial love, in the love for society and the desire to see an end to conflict and to bring God's peace to the world, we see an earthly sign of the love between Jesus and his Church and also of the eternal union that is to come. In heaven, the divine marriage to which we are all called will fulfil every human desire we could ever have. Let us reflect, today, upon the desire we have within us to live in peaceful union with others. This can only be fulfilled by accepting the invitation from the most Holy Trinity to share in the divine life. As we prayerfully contemplate Jesus' prayer to his Father, knowing that he is praying for all of us, let us Join with him in this prayer and make it our own so that our every human desire can begin to be fulfilled in God.

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

SECOND COLLECTION —There will be a second collection after all the masses this week for the Catholic Communications Network.

YOUTH MASS—This **Sunday 1st June at 6pm** -monthly youth mass followed by a social in the hall. If you are in Year 9 or above and below the age of 30– (yes this is still youth!) please come along and even bring a friend.

PARISH BREAKFAST We are planning another Parish Breakfast next **Sunday 8th June, (PENTECOST)** after the 9.30 am Mass. This will be an early celebration of our Patronal Feast Day and for Pentecost. Come along and enjoy a sausage or bacon bun or an egg if you are vegetarian.

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
Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th June

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 2ND JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JUDY DOKE **INTS** SS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER
TUES 3RD JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARY COFFEY **RIP** ST CHARLES LWANGA
WED 4TH JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PATRICIA LEE **INTS**
THURS 5TH JUNE	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION
FRIDAY 6TH JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	THERESE MCDERMOTT **INTS** ST NORBERT
SATURDAY 7TH JUNE	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CARMEL CORRIGAN **INTS** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 8TH JUNE		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ROSE FARRELL **RIP** THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PASSION PLAY **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH PENTECOST SUNDAY

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100 CLUB The draw took place last weekend and the winning numbers are : Nirmala C. No. 80, Mary G. No. 25, Pauline H. No. 32. Please collect your envelopes form the sacristy .

FLOWER FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP—if you would like to sponsor a display, either in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion , (which will include a card next to the display with your chosen wording), please see the sponsorship envelopes at the back of church.

MESSAGE FROM MARIAN MELHUISH, CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, MAY 2025 Thank you to those who have pledged new or increased offerings since I spoke to you in March of this year. Thank you also to those who have made extra donations towards the new Mass books. With 150 books per set, your generous donations have covered the costs of the second, third and fourth sets, just 2 more to pay for. We have also received other donations which will pay for improvements to the Narthex and Hall areas to make them more welcoming. Whatever you give to your Church, it is much appreciated. DON'T FORGET If you are a UK taxpayer and haven't signed a Gift Aid form, please consider doing so. It costs you nothing, but ensures the Church can receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. In this way you are deciding how your tax is utilised. You sign up just once and we do the work!

DATES/EVENTS FOR THE DIARY



FOODBANK–The next foodbank collection will be on the **2nd June.** Thank you for your continued support. The total weight of the donations from St Thomas More Church and St Lawrence Church, taken to the foodbank by Anna on 6th May was 72.4kg. Thank you.

SVP the next meeting will be **Sunday 8th June** at 10.45 am after the 9.30 am mass in the library.

JUBILEE FOR COUPLES Hosted by St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip, **8th June at 3pm** as part of the year of Jubilee celebrations**.** Praise, Reflection and Adoration, followed by Holy Mass, finishing with a Reception in the Parish Hall Confessions available throughout. See poster in the narthex.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 11th June** 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 on latest literature produced by the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation.

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.*