SUNDAY 25TH MAY + 6TH SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM JIM AND EILEEN POWLEY **RIP**
9.30 AM TOM LYNSKEY **INTS**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

Eric Wilby, Rudy Barnes, Mary Walsh, John Carey , Franciso Fernandez, Pradeep Wickremasinghe, Camilus Fernando.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Patricia Hanrahan **RIP**

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

JACK





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of

EDWARD GORMAN
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you and make our home with you."

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the glorious unity of God as Jesus reveals the desire in the heart of God to come and dwell within us. We are told that, if we love Jesus, who is the way the Father wants us to come to him, and if we keep his word, then God will come to us and dwell within us. Jesus tells his disciples: *"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."* Perhaps the one we can best learn from who can show us what it means to love God and keep his word, is Mary. When presented with the prospect of becoming the mother of the Messiah, Mary said to the Angel Gabriel: "*May it be done to me according to God's word."* A very young woman, faced with such a potentially overwhelming task, could only say this in a profound trust which was rooted in a deep love for God. In response, Jesus did truly come and make his home in her. The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and the Father's love brought his Son to dwell within her. Offering our obedience to the word of God, like Mary, is the best expression of love we can offer him. God's word is truth and love in all its fullness. If we can seek to understand this truth and live by this love, then God becomes part of our very essence. This form of loving obedience results in the indwelling of the most Holy Trinity in our souls: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For Mary, this meant the great joy of bringing Jesus into the world to be our Saviour. It also meant however that her heart would be pierced with the deepest wound of sorrow as she accompanied her Son to his Cross. Only God dwelling within her could have given her the strength to endure such a vocation. However, Mary then saw her faith and love over-abundantly rewarded in the risen presence of her resurrected Son and now sharing everlasting joy with him in heaven. Let us reflect, today, upon the calling we have been given to become a dwelling place for God. This can only be accomplished by our love for God which is expressed through our obedience to his word and our willingness to live the commandments that Jesus left us. Let us ask God to help us so that we not only experience his deeper love for us but also, like Mary, bring Jesus into this world through all our words and deeds.

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

SVP Will meet this **Sunday 25th May,** after the 9.30 mass at 10.45am in the Library.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD is this coming week on Thursday 29th May. There will be a vigil mass at 6pm on **Wednesday 28th May** and **Mass at 9.30 am** on **Thursday 29th.**

THY KINGDOM COME Time of Prayer for Evangelisation from the Ascension (29th May) to Pentecost (8th June). The parish are warmly invited to participate in this time of prayer for evangelisation as we journey from one great feast to another. Resources are available here. https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND —for the Catholic Communications Network.

YOUTH MASS—Next Sunday, 1st June at 6pm there will be the 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 **on Sunday 8th June** after the 9.30 am Mass. This will be an early celebration of our Patronal Feast Day.

Mass Times
Monday 25th May– Sunday 1st June

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 26TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOJO **RIP** ST PHILIP NERI
TUES 27TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TARA MCGILLICUDDY **INTS** ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
WED 28TH-MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **6.00 PM**	CHIRSTOPHER YOUNG **INTS** ASCENSION VIGIL RANULFO ATIENZA **INTS**
THURS 29TH-MAY	9AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DAMIEN AND RACHAEL **INTS** THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
FRIDAY 30TH-MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDWARD GORMAN **RIP**
SATUR-DAY 31ST-MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DANIEL DOHERTY**(L/D) RIP** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY 1ST JUNE		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM** **6.00 PM**	RINA AND SUKRU DEMIR **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MARY RICHARDS **RIP** Followed by interment of ashes. YOUTH MASS

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100 CLUB The draw will take place this weekend for the month of May. Only one draw then left in June, for those who signed up last year and then time to sign up again. First draw for the new year-July .More details to follow soon.

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION COFFEE MORNING- Many, many thanks to all who promoted, supported and helped at the Flower Festival Coffee and Cake morning on Tuesday. About 80 people attended, drank tea and coffee, ate cakes and enjoyed seven flower presentations. All seven flower arrangements were distributed via a raffle. The total profit for the day was a magnificent **£807.87.** This will be used to help fund the coming Flower Festival in June. If you bought a ticket for Tuesday, be sure to save it for it will give you free entrance to the Festival. Thank you again, Madaline Luckhurst

MASS FOR MATRIMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL 2025– The recent celebratory mass saw 430 couples from across every deanery of the diocese attend, celebrating special anniversaries from 10,25,50,60 years and beyond. A combined total of 14,829 years of marriage. It happens each year so if you are have a special anniversary coming up next year, look out for the announcement in spring 2026.

DATES/EVENTS FOR THE DIARY



THE MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be in the Polish Church, 48 Pitts Road, Slough SL1 3XH from Sunday **25 May at 6 pm** Parish Mass to **Sunday 1st June** after the Parish Mass at 12 noon. All Welcome to celebrate with us"25 Years of Ministry". Please call millie on 07957594646 for daily celebrations.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 28th May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight there-after. 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.

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.

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.

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.*

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/