SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER + 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM **EVE** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.30 AM SAMRAAT TIMILSINA **INTS**
11.30 AM SR NOREEN SMYTH & BILL SMYTH **INTS**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

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

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS especially Marie Hardy



FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

George Barnes, Joan Laurence-Smyth, Ema Fernandes, Patrick Donnelly, Hilarie Lemon, Philip O'Donogue, Claire Polsinelli, Hanna Witterstein,

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
In loving memory of

GERHARD BACH RIP





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of

PATRICK DONNELLY RIP

Dear Parishioners,

'Whoever does not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

When we are able to choose the love of God first and foremost in our lives, rejecting the temptations that come through others or from our disordered desires, then we are in a position to love God, others and ourselves in the right way. Jesus wants us to learn the value of a life given to love. This is only possible when our love is pure and holy and flows from the love of God. Jesus invites us to see this as the path that leads to following him which also involves carrying our cross. Jesus carried and gave his life on his cross so that we could be set free from the destructive works of evil. To follow him Jesus asks us to also desire to choose this specifically Christian way of living. Let us reflect, today, on how we can choose to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and commit ourselves to reject all that seeks to damage or interfere with this choice. Doing so will not only increase our love for God, it will also increase our love for others, and even our love for our own soul.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

THE SVP GROUP will meet today after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.

CELEBRATIONS—Fr John Deehan, our former Parish Priest, is celebrating 50 years of priesthood this year. If you would like to contribute to a gift for him, please see the envelopes at the back of church. He will be coming to the Parish next **SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER** and saying the 9.30 mass and be available after, during coffee.

He will also be concelebrating the 11.30 am mass following this, as we celebrate the 100th Birthday of **BILL SMYTH,** a longstanding parishioner. Bill would like to extend a welcome to join him after the 11.30 am mass for light refreshments in the hall, to mark this very special occasion. To give an idea of numbers for catering, please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are joining the celebrations.

PARISH CATECHISTS TRAINING – Many of our parishioners have discovered the joy of passing on their Catholic faith in our parish through preparing our young people for the Sacraments, our Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings or in our RCIA course for adults. To help support this essential work we have invited the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation to run 7 training sessions for us on Tuesday evenings starting on the 23rd of this month. The first 3 evenings provide an overview for everyone involved: **What is Catechesis? (23rd September) Practical Skills (30th September) & The Spirituality of the Catechist (7th October).** The following 4 evenings focus on each specific area of catechesis: **First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation (14th October) Children's Liturgy (21st October) Confirmation (4th November) & RCIA (11th November).** These evenings will be in the Anglim Room from 7-9pm and will provide an exciting vision and support for all those involved in this beautiful and vital work of passing on our precious faith to others. The evenings are also open to anyone not yet a catechist but who would like to be more involved in the parish in this way.

Mass Times
8th to 14th September

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 8TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ANN COYNE **(A) RIP** THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUES 9TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOAN LAURENCE-SMYTH **(A) RIP** ST PETER CLAVER
WED 10TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JIM RICHARDS **RIP**
THURS 11TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION
FRIDAY 12TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DOLORES WALSH **RIP** THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
SATUR-DAY 13TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDWARD GORMAN **RIP** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 14TH SEPT		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	JOHN DONNELLY **(A) RIP** EDISON SQUIRES **(A) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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32 Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QT
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100 CLUB The draw took place last weekend for the month of August. Winning numbers were Linda F. -No 23, Mary A.-No 85 and Anthony I. -No 26. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy. (full names can be viewed on the notice board in church)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS – We are hoping to run another RCIA this year to help potential new Catholics learn about the tradition and teaching of the Catholic Christian Church. This is an ideal opportunity to ask friends, spouses, relatives, neighbours or colleagues if this might be a moment for them to find out more about the Church. Please consider who God might be calling to participate in this process and if we may be able to help them with an encouraging invitation. The evening sessions will begin in early October. Please provide the parish office with the names and contact details of those wishing to attend.

OUR OLD MASS BOOKS/ HYMN BOOKS These will be collected this weekend and taken to Africa by a Deacon currently placed in West Drayton parish. Special thanks to Annegirt who helped to box up the books in cycles, so that they can be transported.

THE SEASON OF CREATION, started on the 1st September and is the official time for sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. More details can be found here, including the Pope's message. https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FOODBANK–next collection Monday 8th September. Thank you for your continues support and donations.

PPC meet next on Tuesday 16th Sept and 8pm in the Library.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **Wednesday 17th September** 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.

EVANGELII GAUDIAM There will be a second collection after all the masses on **20th/ 21st September**

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/