SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER + THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM **EVE** JOHN DONNELLY **(A) RIP**
9.30 PM EDISON SQUIRES **(A) RIP**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King, 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 :

Anita Burrows, Jim Richards, Andrea Allen.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week for the intentions of

FR JOHN DEEHAN





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

for the intentions of

CARA GANNON

on the week of her wedding.

Dear Parishioners,

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.'

For the Church and for the world, the Cross of Jesus is now the exalted image of the eternal love of God through which we receive salvation. This is only the case because it was on a cross that we were saved and brought to eternal life by the Son of God. If we consider the amazing truth that one of the worst instruments of torture and death is now seen as one of the holiest of images on earth, it is profound mystery which speaks of God's ability to bring the greatest good out of the deepest evil. God can use the worst and transform it into the best. God can use death to bring forth life. Let us reflect, today on how we can give thanks to God for sending his Son and for the gift of his Cross. Let us also reflect on our own crosses. As we do, let us try not to see them as burdens but as ways to share in the Cross of Jesus and his saving work in our world. Let us say 'Yes' to God for our crosses. As we do, let us have hope that God's glory will come forth in our life and in the world through our acceptance and faith. What then was a burden will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in our life by the almighty power of God.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

CELEBRATIONS—Fr John Deehan, our former Parish Priest, is celebrating 50 years of priesthood this year. He will be saying the 9.30 am mass and available after during coffee when the presentation will be made. He will then be concelebrating the 11.30 am mass following this marking 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.

50 years **CONGRATULATIONS** 100 years

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.

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

Mass Times
15th September—21st September

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 15TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CARA GANNON **INTS** **OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
TUES 16TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOYONU HUNNU-MOIETT **INTS** **SS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN**
WED 17TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOSIEN & MARK SARRATT AND FAMILY **INTS** **SS. ROBERT AND HILDEGARD**
THURS 18TH SEPT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION
FRIDAY 19TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LIAM POTTS **(A) RIP** **ST JANUARIUS**
SATUR-DAY 20TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CELIA AND MARK NUNN **INTS W/ANIVERSARY** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 21ST SEPT		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ANNE AND LES WRIGHT **(A) RIP** WYN AND BILL MAXTED **(A) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **25TH SUNDAY ODINARY TIME**

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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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.

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

PPC meet next on **Tuesday 16th September at** 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.

CARIDNAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL Year 7 open evening **Wednesday 17th September.** Head teacher talks 4.30 pm and 6pm www.cvms.co.uk/admissions

THE SVP GROUP will meet next ion **Sunday 21st September**, 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.

FOODBANK–next collection **Monday 6th October**. Thank you for your continues support and donations.
The foodbank are desperately short of stock at the moment. The following tinned and cupboard / dried items are needed: Potatoes, puddings, fruit, noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll. Thank you

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Year 7 Open evenings take place on **Thursday 2nd October** 5.00pm—8.00 pm and open morning **Friday 3rd October** 9.00 am—11.30 am. https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/282/school-

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/