SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER + 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM **EVE** RICHARD KEATING **(A) RIP**
9.30AM RADLETT FAMILY **INTS**
11.30AM 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 **,** Pat Faille

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Luigia and Mario Pirroni, Mary Grant, Fred Mattingley , Trevor Cullen-James

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week for the intentions of

SHARON EVANS





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this week in Loving Memory of

JACK LEIGH
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

'… bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here…'

In the Gospel parable that Jesus tells this Sunday we learn that a rich man lived a life on earth that was far better than the poor man Lazarus, but that his riches led him toward selfishness and indifference to the needs of others, which ended in his eternal demise. This parable teaches us that material wealth may not only add nothing of value to our eternal reward, it also can bring much temptation to our lives. Is it good to be rich? It is certainly good to be able to take care of our basic needs in life and those of our family and having money helps us to do that. However, once our basic needs have been met, the money left over can be far more of a temptation than a blessing. Jesus came into our world as a poor man and died for us as a poor man, but Jesus is the richest person the world has ever seen because he was always full of love, which is the true eternal treasure. Let us reflect, today, upon the stark contrast between Lazarus and the rich man. Let us choose to imitate Lazarus rather than the rich man. Let us work at living simply, being generous, and seeking to reach out to those in need. Let us rejoice that, like Lazarus, we are able to build up eternal riches within our soul now that will remain with us forever.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

PASTORAL LETTER As we celebrate the 175th year of the Diocese of Westminster, there will be a pastoral letter read at all the masses this weekend from the Cardinal. If you would like to read this or details about the history of the Diocese, it can be found on our website. https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2025/09/250916-Westminster-Diocese-history-1.pdf

DOUAY MARTYRS—we welcome Maxine from Douay Martyrs at the 9.30 mass, who will be saying a few words to us about the school.

PARISH MASS COUNT Over the next four weekends there will be a parish mass count to help with Diocesan statistics.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING- Training for new Altar Servers will begin on **Sunday 12th October 2025** after the 9.30 Mass. If you are interested , please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS Fr Martin will be available to meet with parents and children on Wednesdays **1st and 8th October** for the signing of forms. Appointments from 4pm –5.45 pm. Please contact the parish office to book.

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 who are continuing to run training sessions for us on Tuesday evenings this autumn. The first 3 evenings are providing an overview for everyone involved: **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 are 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
29th September—5th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 29TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HILDA MINOLI **INTS** SS. MICAHEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL
TUES 30TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CORA MCGILLICUDDY **INTS** ST JEROME
WED 1ST OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	KEVIN DOKE **INTS** ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
THURS 2ND OCT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION
FRIDAY 3RD OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BILL SMYTH **INTS**
SATUR-DAY 4TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOSH HALL **INTS** ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN-DAY 5TH OCT		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	GINETTE HUMPHREY **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH FR MARTIN **INTS** 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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100 CLUB -The draw for September will take place this weekend, winners will be announced in the newsletter next week and on the notice board by the front entrance.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY –Friday 5th October Please take envelopes away with you or use the QR code to donate to CAFOD, who are helping to build more water tanks in communities where women have to walk hours to get water for their families.

PARISH GARDENS WORK-IN DAY Those who look after the Parish flower beds will be meeting at **10am on Saturday 4th October** for the final time this Autumn to prepare the grounds for the winter. If there are some among you who would like to help lighten the load, please join us for an hour or so. Tea /coffee and biscuits will be provided.

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 ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST is recruiting for Clerks for two school boards, St John's Catholic Primary School and St Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School, both in Rickmansworth. . More information is available at https://www.eteach.com/careers/ascatonline/ or interested parties can contact Director of Governance and Compliance, Christina Reffold at governance@ascat.co.uk for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **Wednesday 1st October** 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.

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Year 7 Open evenings 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-admissions

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

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/