SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER + ALL SAINTS +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM MARY KELLY **(A) RIP**
9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM BILL SMYTH **INTS**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS especially Marie Hardy **,** Pat Faille.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Tom McKearney, Ted Blundell, Julia Hoy, Tina Galvin, Kathleen Murchan, David Barker,



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY has been donated this week for the repose of the soul of

SHARON EVANS RIP

recently departed.

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/

Dear Parishioners,

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.'

This Sunday we celebrate one of the most glorious solemnities within our Church. Our Gospel reading gives us the Beatitudes of Jesus and lays out the path by which these saints entered Heaven. While on earth, these devoted men and women lived lives that were *poor in spirit, filled with a holy mourning, meekness, a hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy, peace, purity of heart and even persecution*. Each one of the Beatitudes concludes by stating the reward that those who lived these qualities obtains: *Heaven, comfort, satisfaction, mercy, seeing God, being children of God and rewards beyond what we can imagine in God's Kingdom*. The Beatitudes invite us to the heights of holiness and present us with the pinnacle of holy living and challenge us to the core. If we want to see through the lives of the saints and the words of the Beatitudes to the heart of the secret of how to live in this way we can look at the beautiful person who first spoke these words to the human race: Jesus. In every Beatitude we find Jesus already living and modelling the way that they lead to the fulness of God's love and the kingdom of Heaven. At the centre of this witness of Jesus is the mystery of the Cross, which shows us that God will do anything to turn our earthly sufferings into a means to discover the infinite treasures of his love for us. Let us reflect, today, upon the beautiful truth that we are all called to be saints. Let us meditate upon the teaching of the Beatitudes and know that they reveal to us how God is calling us to live. If one of these Beatitudes stands out to us, then we can spend time focusing upon it. Let us allow God to give us the grace to live the Beatitudes and work wonders in our life so that one day we too will be celebrating this solemnity together with our saintly brothers and sisters in heaven.

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

YOUTH MASS this SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 6PM followed by food/social in the hall. If you are in school year 7 or above, come along and bring a friend. We would love to see more youth, please encourage them to come. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this at St Thomas More but it needs to be supported. Families are also welcome to come along to the mass too. Celebrate this Feast Day with Mass and a social after. Why not give it a go.

SVP will meet this **SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER** after the 9.30 am Mass in the Library.

ALL SOUL'S DAY -MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER– There will be mass at 9.30 am and also a special Mass at 7pm for All Souls and especially for those who are bereaved, with an opportunity to remember our loved ones.

REMEMBRANCE– Next **SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER** is Remembrance Sunday and mass will start at the later time of 12 noon, rather than 11.30 am, to allow people time to attend remembrance services locally should they wish to.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS During the month of November, we remember the Holy Souls at mass. If you would like your loved ones to be included, please complete a sheet with their name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Your mass offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form. The names will be placed in a box, which will remain on the altar for the month of November.

Mass Times
3rd November - 10th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 3RD NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **7.00 PM**	HOLY SOULS HOLY SOULS AND THE BEREAVED
TUES 4TH NOV	9 .30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ADELE SCHIA **(L/D) RIP** **ST CHARLES BORROMEO**
WED 5TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FRANCISCA MATARIN GUERRERO **(A) RIP**
THURS 6TH NOV	10 AM— 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 7TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GHANSHAM PATEL **(A) RIP**
SATURDAY 8TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JEREMY HALL **INTS** **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 9TH NOV		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **12 NOON**	FRANK HANLEY **(A) RIP** JOHN MCMAHON PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

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100 CLUB Winning numbers for the October draw : Pauline H.no 32, Angela K. No 43, Tom L. No 48. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy. Full names and details of winners are in the narthex.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 If your child is in year 9 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th May 2026, applications are now open. Forms can be found as you come into church or on the website. The course will begin in the New Year.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme, please complete both the application form and medical form found in the narthex or download them from the website. The closing date for applications is **30th November.**

DRAMATISATION OF THE PASSION The video link for the "THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS" is now available. It is not open to general access, so if you would like the link please contact Bernard Luckhurst, preferably by e mail bernardjluckhurst@btopenworld.com or call **020 8866 7706 (Mob: 07770 731060)** There is also a transcript of the dialogue you can request at the same time to supplement the sometimes quieter segments of the presentation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS – We are running 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 have started but its not too late. Please provide the parish office with the names and contact details of anyone who may like to join.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FOODBANK–next collection **Monday 3rd November**. Thank you for your continues support and donations.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will take place for Northwood Cemetery this year on **8TH NOVEMBER, 2PM**

VINTAGE AND COLLECTABLES ROADSHOW —St Thomas More Church Hall **FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 12—3 PM.** Expert valuers available to appraise and purchase items you may have hidden away and wish to sell.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **Wednesday 12th November** 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.

AN EVENING OF SONG to celebrate Christmas- **SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER** led by the Folk Group. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30pm. Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. No charge, donations on the night. Please see posters for more details and sign up sheet for numbers if you are coming.