SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER + 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM **EVE** GINETTE HUMPHREY **INTS**
9.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM FR MARTIN **INTS**
6.00 PM YOUTH MASS

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, Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King,

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Michael Keating, Fr Eugene Langdale



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this week in
for the intentions of

SHARON EVANS

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,

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed is small, very small. Jesus uses this image to teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful. Jesus' teaching comes in response to a request from the apostles: *"Increase our faith!"* Perhaps they understood that their faith was lacking in response to all that Jesus was revealing to them about his wonderful mission. Their faith would have to carry them through the tumultuous events of the crucifixion and death of the Saviour and bring them through to the other side of his Resurrection. One of the first steps to increasing faith may be to humbly admit our lack of it. Faith does not give us magical powers so what can it do? It can uproot sin from our heart and from the hearts of those around us. It can nourish us and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of faith, even a little faith, will help to accomplish marvellous things in our life. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty, and every other difficulty imaginable can be transformed by God into a source of salvation and everlasting life when we endure them with true faith. Let us reflect, today, upon our need for faith. Let us pray for an increase of faith that our lives may be changed in ways that we could have never imagined possible.

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

PARISH MASS COUNT there will be a parish mass count this weekend to help with Diocesan statistics.

YOUTH MASS 6PM -5TH OCTOBER We are very fortunate to be able to host this at St Thomas More, so it's not far to go for our young parishioners. Come along, bring a friend and enjoy sharing mass with people of your own age and socialising after with food/ snacks. If you are in Year 9 or above, we look forward to seeing you.

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.

PRIMARY /SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS Fr Martin will be available to meet with parents and children on Wednesday **8th October** for the signing of forms. There are still a few appointments from 4pm –4.45 pm available. Please contact the parish office to book.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY –Friday 5th October Please bring your envelopes back or use the supply in the entrance for your offering. QR code also available 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. Thank you for your support.

NARTHEX FLOOR We are very pleased to be able to announce that our Finance Committee have successfully secured a national lottery grant which will be used for flooring works in the narthex and parish hall/ toilets. The first part of the work will start wef from Tuesday 7th October, with the narthex floor. Weekday mass will continue at 9.30 am but there will be no rosary or Exposition next week until Saturday 11th October. The main entrance to the church may be unavailable, so access may be via the back door. Signs will guide you appropriately each day. Please bear with us and we look forward to when the works will be completed.

COMMUNITY FUND

Mass Times
6th October—12th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 6TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GEORGE & BERNIE CURTIS **INTS** ST BRUNO
TUES 7TH OCT	9 .30 AM TO 10.15 AM	**9.30 AM**	OWEN O'MALLEY **RIP** OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
WED 8TH OCT	9.30 AM TO 10.15 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARIA SCIBOR **(A) RIP**
THURS 9TH OCT		**NO MASS**	**CHURCH CLOSED**
FRIDAY 10TH OCT	9.30 AM TO 10.15 AM	**9.30 AM**	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROKE/LAWSON FAMILY ST PAULINUS OF YORK
SATURDAY 11TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MR AND MRS WIDERBERG **INTS** ST JOHN XXIII POPE **EXPOSITION AND**
SUNDAY 12TH OCT		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PETER RYDER **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH DONALD DAVIES **RIP** 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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100 CLUB -The draw for September took place last week . Winning numbers are Jackie K. No 44, Bernie C. No 33 and Pattie K. no. 49. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy. Full winners and names can be found on the notice board in the entrance to the church.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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.**

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.

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: **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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **Wednesday 15th 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.