SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER + 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM CASPIAN NUNN **INTS**
9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM RICHARD DONNELLY **RIP**

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 :

Gary Ashby, Betty Bensted, Anthony Mullin, Suan Mullin, John Henrick, Eileen Athanasiou.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
by Mary Lynskey for the intentions of

THE LYNSKEY FAMILY





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

has been donated this week by Gillian Tobin in loving memory of

PADDY TOBIN
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

'Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray continuously and never lose heart.'

In the parable of Jesus this Sunday, a widow comes to a dishonest judge and persistently begs him for justice. The judge does not care about the woman but eventually renders a just decision for her because she is so unrelenting. Jesus told this parable to encourage us *'to pray continuously and never lose heart.'* What does the theme of Justice mean to us in our own lives? For God, justice is how good can triumph in the face of evil. The prime example of this is the death of Jesus himself. Clearly, Jesus was completely innocent and yet he suffered greatly. The suffering and death of the Son of God is an injustice but God makes it into a just action by his tremendous mercy. Jesus embraced the injustice of his suffering and death and turned it into a sacrifice of love. In our own lives whenever we are wronged by another we are often tempted to anger and desire revenge in the name of justice. However, by offering such injustice to God through the sacrifice of Jesus we allow the transforming power of merciful love to act in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we can pray for night and day; for ourselves and for our world. Let us reflect, today, upon the things for which we desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in our life? Do we dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon us by others? As we call those things to mind, let us know that the power of our persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy and love. Let us beg for this gift and know that God will always answer our prayers.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Today, parishes worldwide celebrate and support the Pope's charity by standing united as God's global family in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'. Please pray for the work of missionaries and give what you can to the collections this weekend supporting their work. Envelopes are available for donations or visit mission.org.uk for direct giving. Thank you.

SVP will meet this **Sunday, 19th October** after the 9.30 am Mass in the Library.

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY– October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is said every day at St Thomas More before 9.30 mass Monday to Saturday, (apart from Thursday when the start is 10am) Leaflets are available at the back of church on "How to pray the Rosary", there are also beads available to buy if needed.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS During the month of November, there will be a number of masses offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones to be included in these masses, 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.

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN Pope Leo XIV will officially proclaim Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church during Mass on Saturday, 1 November. If you would like to know more about what a 'Doctor of the Church' is and why Saint John Henry Newman's teaching and wisdom not only resonated with his contemporaries, but still illuminates, instructs and inspires us today, follow the link https://www.cbcew.org.uk/newman-doctor-of-the-church/

Mass Times
20th October—26th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 20TH OCT	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HILDA MINOLI **INTS**
TUES 21ST OCT	9 .30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOYONNU HUNNU-MOIETT **INTS**
WED 22ND OCT	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF JUDY DOKE **INTS**
THURS 23RD OCT	10 AM— 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 24TH OCT	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LAURIE SYMONDS **INTS** ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET
SATURDAY 25TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDDIE MCGUINNESS **RIP** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 26TH OCT		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MARY O'SULLIVAN **(A) RIP** SHARON EVANS **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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RED BOXES If you have a red mission box at home, please bring these to church for emptying and counting. They can be placed in the sacristy after mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 If your child is in year 9 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, 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.**

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 shortly. 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 evenings continue with: **Children's Liturgy (21st October) Confirmation (4th November) & RCIA (11th November) The Spirituality of the Catechist (18th November).** These evenings are in the Anglim Room from 7-9pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **Wednesday 29th 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.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will take place for Northwood Cemetery this year on 8th November, 2pm

FOODBANK–next collection **Monday 3rd November**. 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.