SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER + THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM FRANK HANLEY **(A) RIP**
9.30 AM JOHN MCMAHON **RIP**
12 NOON PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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 Cox, Dick Hinde, Ann Murphy, Tony Weeden,



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

THE EVANS FAMILY

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

has been donated this week by

VIVIENNE

In thanksgiving for the gift of life.

Dear Parishioners,

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

This Sunday we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. This is the original mother church of the entire Catholic Christian tradition. The Lateran Basilica was given to the Bishop of Rome in the fourth century and remained the pope's primary residence until the building of St. Peter's Basilica. As we honour this church, we honour more than a building. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the one true Church of Jesus Christ. Today's Gospel depicts Jesus entering the Temple and driving the money changers out with a whip and the animals they were selling for profit.
When questioned about his authority for doing this Jesus says: *"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."* Jesus founded the Church in order to cleanse the world of sin and to liberate each one of her members from the power of death. To do this Jesus allows his own body, the true temple, to be destroyed. However, Jesus prophesies that after three days he will rise again. No one could really understand what he was saying at the time. For us now, it is a question of believing by faith in his promises. In this month of November we remember all the faithful departed and we pray in faith that they will be raised with Jesus and share in ever lasting life with him in heaven. This Remembrance Sunday we also recall all those who have given their life in armed conflict for the cause of peace. We pray in gratitude for their sacrifice and that they will be sharers in the Resurrection with the saints. Let us reflect, today, upon this powerful image of Jesus cleansing the Temple. As we do, we can apply it to our own life. The people selling and buying in the Temple must have been shocked at the zeal and actions of Jesus. If we have become complacent with our sins, let us allow our Lord's zeal to encourage us. The purifying actions of Jesus are acts of love through which he desires to free us, so that we may be made worthy of everlasting life.

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

REMEMBRANCE– 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.

REQUIEM FUNERAL MASS of the late Sharon Evans **RIP** Thursday **13th November at 1.30 pm** at St Thomas More led by Fr John Deehan, former parish priest. Sharon was a Catechist who served the parish for a number of years running the First Holy Communion programme and will have been responsible for preparing many of our parish children, now adults, for both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We thank God for her gift to the parish. We pray for the repose of her soul and remember her family in our prayers at this sad time.

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN THE PARISH HISTORY

1932- The Grail community took up residence of Field End House at the invitation of the then Archbishop of Westminster.
1937 -The first church was built on the site **1947** The Grail leave Eastcote for Pinner and Fr Eugene Langdale is appointed 'Priest-in-charge' **1950** Parish of St Thomas More was created on **15th November, 1950**
1975 The site for the present church was blessed **7th December, 1975**
1977- First Mass celebrated in the new church on **14th July, 1977**
1978 New church formally consecrated by Cardinal Hume on **6th February, 1978**
2025 75th anniversary of the foundation of St Thomas More parish
On **15TH NOVEMBER** we celebrate **75 years** since the formation of the Parish under Fr Eugen Langdale. At this special time, we remember and prayer for all those past and present, who have been paramount in forming and shaping the parish that we have today.

Mass Times
10th November—16th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 10TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST LEO THE GREAT
TUES 11TH NOV	9 .30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ANDREW KUMUTHAN **INTS** ST MARTIN OF TOURS
WED 12TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST JOSAPHAT
THURS 13TH NOV	10 AM— 11 AM	**NO MASS** **1.30 PM**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION** REQUIEM MASS -FUNERAL OF THE LATE **SHARON EVANS RIP**
FRIDAY 14TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NORA CAIN **INTS**
SATURDAY 15TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST ALBERT THE GREAT **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 16TH NOV		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MATTHEW MORNEY **RIP** KATHLEEN MURCHAN **RIP** 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS– Next week there will be a second collection after all the masses to help support the 73 currently retired priests in the Westminster diocese and those approaching retirement in the near future.

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.

MISSIO–/ RED BOXES Thank you to the anonymous donor, who donated a bag of coins totalling £217.22 to add to the red box appeal. If you still have a red box that hasn't been counted and emptied yet, please bring this to church and leave in the sacristy. Thank you.

INTERFAITH WEEK 9—16TH NOVEMBER. During this Inter Faith Week, we pray that religion might be the means by which we build a more peaceful, loving and just world.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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.

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.

SPUC meeting **3pm- 15TH NOVEMBER** at Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Roxborough Park, Harrow on the Hill with speakers discussing the right to life for the unborn and the sick and elderly.

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.

NEXT FOOD BANK Collection will be on **MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER** They are in particular need of Tinned potatoes/ packet mashed potato, Longlife milk and the usual following list: Lentils/pulses, Tinned fruit, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned vegetables, Rice, Juice, Sugar, Biscuits/treats, Jams/ Bread spread, Sauces/ Condiments, Noodles, Toiletries, Puddings.