SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY +2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

17TH/18TH JANUARY

6.00 PM MARY (KITTY) KEATING **RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM LINA & CLIVE THOMAS **RIP** AND FAMILY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Bill Smyth, Josephine McRae, Judy Doke**,** 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 : John Carey, John Jeffries, Yvonne Grasso, James Tomlinson, Constantino Mascarenhas

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

has been donated this week
for the intentions of

JOSEPHINE McRAE



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week
in loving memory of

MAUREEN BARRON

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

On this 2nd Sunday of our new year we are introduced to Jesus beginning his public ministry. We hear John the Baptist say: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* John was a great prophet and the forerunner of the Messiah, sent to prepare the way for the Lord. John called the people listening to him to recognise the longed-for Messiah in Jesus and to respond with repentance and renewal. We can imagine the excitement, surprise, questions, uncertainty, and hope that would have filled the minds and hearts of the people as they listened to John's prophecy about Jesus. John told them: *"He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"* Just as John's proclamation about Jesus took on a powerful significance for the people then, his words can also resonate within each of us today. Now that the Christmas season is complete and we enter into Ordinary Time, we are invited to embrace Jesus' public ministry, with all his teachings and his Paschal sacrifice, as something extraordinary in our lives. We can approach the ministry of Jesus with the same hope, enthusiasm, excitement, and anticipation that John's disciples experienced. As the Lamb of God, Jesus was sacrificed to prove God's infinite and everlasting love for us and to help us find our way through this life into the eternal kingdom of the Father's house in heaven. Let us reflect today on the moment when John the Baptist's disciples heard him proclaim, *"Behold, the Lamb of God!"* Like them, let us desire to see Jesus with new eyes and hopeful anticipation as we begin this Ordinary Time. This season can also be a renewed beginning of our own life in the companionship of Jesus and his Church. Let us seek to follow Jesus without reserve, allowing him to take away our sins and as we share in his life and his love.

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

SVP will meet this **Sunday 18th January** after the 9.30 am mass.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK– As we start the international week and the Octave for Christian Unity on the 18th January, we reflect and join in prayer with other Christians around the world on this years chosen theme 'One body, one Spirit' More details can be found on the National Churches Together in England website https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/. St Thomas More is a member of the local Churches Together In Eastcote,- the next union with our neighbouring churches will be the joint lent course, sign up details for which will be available shortly.

FORMATION TALK AT SACRED HEART CHURCH: 'Making a Spiritual Plan for 2026'. An evening gathering open to all in which Fr James McTavish from the Verbum Dei Community will be guiding people on how to make a personalised spiritual plan for the year ahead, to help to know and live God's will for their lives. Sacred Heart Church, Tuesday Jan 20th , 7.30-8.45pm. Please bring a ball-pen!

LIVE STREAMING –For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.

Mass Times
19th January to 25th January

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 19TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CHRISTOPHER YOUNG **INTS** ST WULSTAN
TUES 20TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JAMES TOMLINSON **(A) RIP** ST FABIAN
WED 21ST	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOYONU HUNNU MOIETT **INTS** ST AGNES
THURS 22ND	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 23RD	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	FRANK TUOHY (**A) RIP**
SAT 24TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FR MARTIN **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST FRANCIS DE SALES
SUN 25TH JANU-ARY		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	MARIE KAVANAGH **RIP** JACEK JANZURA **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St Thomas More Catholic Church

32 Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QT

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Martin Plunkett

PARISH OFFICE: Mon—Thurs 9.30 to 12 noon **Administrator:** Tessa Maude

100 CLUB The draw took place last weekend for December. Winning numbers : Rosie B. No 6, Tom L. No. 48, Josien S. No. 63. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy. Full names available in the narthex.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, SOUTH KOREA 2027 – Westminster Diocese is organising a group to go to the World Youth Day next year in South Korea. Each parish is being invited to begin by nominating one parishioner to go, who will be over 18 by next summer. More places may become available. Given the distance and the level of transport and accommodation costs, t is estimated that the total cost will be around £3000. Our parish would be in a position to partly financially support someone as well as encourage any fundraising activities that might be undertaken to help raise funds. More information about the World Youth Day can be found here www.youtube.com/dowym . Please contact the parish office to register interest.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Thank you to all who have signed up for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2026. E mails have been sent out with the programme details, which starts on 10th February. If you have not received an e mail please contact the parish office. Thank you

FLAT TO RENT Two double bedrooms, allocated parking close to Pinner High Street—available from 15th January. Contact Teresa 07792 308912 for further details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



SVP will meet next on **Sunday 18th January** after the 9.30 am mass.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Ut unum sint – 'That they may be one' (John 17:21)There is a long-standing tradition during the week of prayer for Christian unity with joint, ecumenical services with St Paul's Cathedral. Since 1908, **18 to 24 January** has been kept as an octave for unity, beginning on the feast of the Chair of St Peter (*removed from the calendar in 1960 as it was identical to the feast we still keep on 22 February*), and ending on the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle. The theme for this year is 'Do you believe this?' On **Tuesday 21 January**, we will welcome the clergy and choir of **St Paul's Cathedral to sing Evensong at 5pm**. All are most welcome to attend. In similar fashion, **Westminster Cathedral Choir** and clergy will **sing Solemn Vespers at St Paul's Cathedral at 5pm on Friday 24 January**. Entry is free and all are most welcome to attend.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 21st January** 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.

FOODBANK– Thank you for your donations, the next collection will be Monday **9th February** 2026.