SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY +3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

24TH/25TH JANUARY

6.00 PM MARIE KAVANAGH **RIP**
9.30 AM JACEK JANCZURA **RIP**
6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
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, Bill Smyth.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Norah Donnelly, Joseph McConnell, John Philpott, Anne Cox.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

has been donated this week
for the intentions of

MOIRA O'ROURKE



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of

NORA DONNELLY

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

In the Gospel reading this Sunday Jesus begins his public ministry with the announcement *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* We hear about Jesus calling his first disciples while they were doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. These men were ordinary folk, just doing what they needed to earn a living. Jesus called them by their own names, Simon, Andrew, James, John… he wanted them to know that he personally valued them and in a mysterious way already knew them. They had to learn to accept what Jesus wanted for them, to repent and believe that the kingdom of God was now at hand in a new way. They would also have to follow Jesus as he received the hostility and rejection from the powerful forces in society, eventually accepting his death on a Cross. But these disciples then also saw him resurrected and continued to follow him, guided by the Holy Spirit as they became the founding members of the Church we now also belong to. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, *I have called you by your name, you are mine* and *I have written your name on the palm of my hand*. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us. Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who are. Each of is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, '*Come follow me*.' Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. After Jesus called his Disciples to follow he sent them out in his name to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Let us pray today to see that we are the ones who are now being called and sent out to proclaim the Gospel through how we live and through what we say and what do.

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

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL next weekend there will be a retiring collection after all the masses for the White Flower Appeal organised by SPUC, which is dedicated to protecting unborn children and promoting the right to life in society. Their appeals in Churches raises awareness of pro-life matters to parishioners and the donations received allows SPUC to continue their work to build a culture of life. They work to educate youth, lobby politicians, mobilise pro-life activities in the community, provide support to students facing crisis pregnancies and much more.

ST VINCENTS NURSING HOME St Vincent's Nursing Home was officially opened by his Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor on the 7th July 2006. It has 62 rooms, split over four wings and two floors. Each room has an excellent view, and all residents have access to beautiful gardens. There are communal lounges and dining rooms in each wing which are also available for visitors and family to share a cup of tea or coffee at any time. They currently have vacancies. Please call 020 8872 4900 to make an enquiry, or alternatively drop by at a time that suits you. Their address is Wiltshire Lane, Eastcote, HA5 2NB. There is plenty of parking on site.

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
26th January to 1st February 2026

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 26TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PADDY O'DONNELL **(L/D) RIP** SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS
TUES 27TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	AMELIA KUMUTHAN **INTS** ST ANGELA MERICI
WED 28TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CORA AND TARA **INTS** ST THOMAS AQUINAS
THURS 29TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**CHURCH CLOSED**
FRIDAY 30TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	SABINA & JOSEPH COYNE **(A) RIP**
SAT 31ST JAN	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GRZEGORZ JANCZURA **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST JOHN BOSCO
SUN 1ST FEBRU-ARY		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	SHARON EVANS **RIP** KEITH WORRELL **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH FOURTH 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

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING The Pastoral Council normally meets three times a year to advise Fr Martin on the pastoral side of the parish. At our meeting last week the Pastoral Council considered members' suggestions for what we hoped to achieve in the parish during 2026. We agreed to conduct a short survey of the whole parish to allow everyone a chance to give their views. A meeting will take place in the Spring of people who are involved in activity of every kind in the parish.

We always welcome new members. If you would like to find out more about what it does, don't hesitate to contact me Anthony Inglese, PPC chair, for a chat. anthony.inglese@btinternet.com

MASS FOR THE SICK (with anointing of the sick) - **Saturday 7th of February 2026 at 2pm** Westminster Cathedral. There are three categories of tickets to reserve a place. 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing 2. Walking sick who require anointing 3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend and in which category you would like seats reserved.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 4th February** 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.

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/