SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026 + 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
3RD/4TH OCOBER

6.00 PM EBENEZER ODEI-KWATIA **RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM THE WOOLLARD FAMILY **INTS**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Pat Wilby, Tom Cole, Josephine McRae,
Ida Houlden, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially
Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Bill Garvey , Ray and Elizabeth King and Angela Johnson.

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Trevor Cullen-James, Michael Keating

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

THE PATEL FAMILY





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

RASHAN PATEL

Dear Parishioners,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

On this 27th Sunday we hear another parable from Jesus using the image of a vineyard. Those who were expected to take care of it have been unfaithful and do not allow the vineyard to bear fruit. We can see in this the image of the Kingdom of God and the Church which Jesus has come to establish. Like a vineyard it offers us a place to collaborate with God and to bear fruit in our lives; the fruit of love, of service and of praising God. We can hear the critique of Jesus for those who did not want to recognise God in him; the ones who have not been faithful and end up putting him to death. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning. Jesus tells us *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."* God is proved to be most glorious when he brings good out of evil. Through his Cross Jesus is the faithful son who does his Father's will and works most faithfully in God's vineyard. By accepting the evil done to him, like a stone that is rejected and thrown away, Jesus has now become the *cornerstone* which is the rock on which we can build our lives. We are now invited to be part of the people to whom God entrusts his vineyard in the Church. God continues to cultivate his vineyard with great care, desiring that it bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us as members of the Body of Christ are invited to share in this work of the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and sacrificed for our redemption. In our own lives God can take what is of no apparent value, what is rejected, what has been cast out, even our own failings and faults, and draw a greater good out of them and help to restore and rebuild our lives. Let us reflect today on how to make this parable our own personal calling. In what ways is God calling us to work in his vineyard? Through prayer, through loving our neighbour, through our parish, in our families, our studies, our relationships and our work - God is calling each one of us to respond to his invitation with faith, hope and love; let us desire to respond willingly together to this great call in our lives. God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest. This weekend we will have CAFOD representatives speaking at all the masses showing how we can put our faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Please use envelopes for contributions or scan the bar code to take you to the giving page. Thank you.

SVP—Will meet this **Sunday 4th October** after the 9.30 mass in the Library.

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS will begins next **Sunday 11th October 2026** after the 9.30am Mass. If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of the church. This is open to anyone who has made their First Holy Communion.

ARCHBISHOP VISIT SUNDAY 27TH Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to making the visit and blessing of the Our Father inscription such a special occasion for the parish. The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Richard Moth with Fr Martin, Fr John Deehan and Fr Tim concelebrating. In his sermon the Archbishop reminded us to pray the Our Father prayer each day, just as Jesus has asked us to do. He joined us in the parish hall after for a feast, prepared by Denise accompanied by generous contributions from parishioners. There will be a dedicated website page to include the journey of the artwork and memories of the day created shortly. If you were unable to attend, please take a prayer card with you, this was a special event in the history of the parish.

MASS TIMES

5th October-11th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 5TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FR MARTIN **INTS** ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
TUES 6TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LORENZO AMBROSINO **INTS** ST BRUNO
WED 7TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MATTY IKOMI **INTS** 90th B'DAY OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
THURS 8TH OCT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 9TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BETTY SMITH **INTS** ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
SAT 10TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	O'DONOGHUE, CASEY, CASH AND DOYLE FAMILIES **INTS** ST PAULINUS **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN 11TH OCT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	MICK MOLLOY **RIP** MARIA SCIBOR **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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100 CLUB The September draw will take place this weekend. Winning numbers will be announced in the newsletter next weekend and in the narthex notices.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS If you require Catholic Practice forms for secondary school applications, please make a 15 minute appointment with the parish office for you and your child on one of the following dates: Wednesday 14th October 4—5.45 pm or Saturday 17th October 11.30—12.45 pm

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.**

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.

THE PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK has been updated and is back in situ. If you had an entry request in this batch and would like to see this before it displays in the appropriate month, please let the office know.

PARISH STATISTISCS Last of the three week mass count for the parish this weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



FOODBANK next collection will be **Mon 5th October** They are in urgent need of sugar, long life milk, tinned vegetables & fruit, juice, noodles, jams, honey, condiments, tinned meat, soup, tomatoes, tinned puddings, rice, cereals. Thank you.

PPC will meet on **Tuesday 6th October** at 8pm in the library.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP The next meeting will be **Wednesday 14th October at 2.30pm** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

A TALK AND Q & A with historian Joanne Paul, author to a biography on St Thomas More. **Thursday 15th October 7pm** St Thomas More church 9, Henry Road, Manor House London N4 2LH. Tickets £10 available https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-thomas-more-a-talk-and-qa-with-historian-and-broadcaster-joanne-paul-tickets-1994679838091For further information, contact John Mullen on **07950 218857** or at **johnmullentv@gmail.com**

FOR INFORMATION: MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE HOUSEBOUND AND UNABE TO ATTEND. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE VISIBLE ON THE STREAM, PLEASE SIT FURTHER BACK IN THE CHURCH.