SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026 + 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
10TH/11TH OCTOBER



6.00 PM MICK MOLLOY **RIP**
9.30 AM MARIA SCIBOR **RIP**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
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 & Elizabeth King, Angela Johnson, John Moore.

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Fr Eugene Langdale, Bridget Potts, Matilda Mullin, Barbara Bailes, Bridget O'Sullivan, Clement Grant-Ross, Tina-Marie Galvin, Daisy Sutherland, Sheila Miles, Patrick Tobin, Fr Duncan Adamsom.

RECENTLY DEPARTED We pray for the repose of the soul of **PAT WILBY**

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

CHRIS CHANDRASENA





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

PADDY TOBIN
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

This Sunday Jesus gives us another parable to help us understand the kingdom of heaven. In the parable a king gives a wedding banquet for his son. We could understand that the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus and the wedding feast is the messianic banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. As we practice our Catholic Christian faith today we can see the Holy Mass is already a real participation in that heavenly feast and a foretaste of its fullness to come in eternity. However, Jesus tells how the first invited guests "*refused to come*." This can represent firstly all those at the time of Jesus who rejected him as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. It can also refer to all those who throughout the history of the world continue to reject Jesus in their lives. In the parable the king then sends his servants out to invite everyone else they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded his Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth and it continues to this day. Like in the image of the vineyard that we have heard of in recent Sundays, the kingdom of heaven is always bound up with the historical reality of the Church and those willing to share in her presence on earth. As the king's son, Jesus has called the Church to be his Bride. He has laid down his life for her and offered his body and blood for her so that we could share in his heavenly invitation. Let us reflect today on our faith and especially the invitation to participate in the gift of the Holy Mass. The Eucharist that we receive in the Mass is the divine food of the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. Do we approach this sacred celebration with joyful reverence, coming from our spiritual lives which prepare us to share in this great gift? Let us seek to make our presence at Mass the expression of a soul responding joyfully to the King's invitation. May our worthy participation in the Eucharist be a foretaste of the eternal banquet prepared for those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.

God Bless Your, ***Fr Martin***

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS begins this **Sunday 11th October 2026** after the 9.30am Mass. If you are interested please come along. This is open to anyone who has made their First Holy Communion. See the notice board for more details on the reasons why it is good to consider being an altar server. Please encourage anyone who may be thinking about it, we need some new younger parishioners to join the team as our senior ones move away to university etc. If you are not sure, come along and have a chat on Sunday.

PRISONERS SUNDAY –we remember prisoners and their families at mass this weekend, on the National Day of Prayer for prisoners. Archbishop Richard Moth is the president of PACT the national Catholic prison charity which helps to bring hope, dignity and a fresh start to prisoners and their families. If you would like to support their work, there are envelopes at the entrance to church.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY there will be retiring collections after all the masses next weekend.

THANK YOU from **Marys Meals** -A heartfelt thank you for your precious gift of £424.56, "Your generosity changes lives. Without people like you, children like me wouldn't have the chance to dream, to learn, or to hope."

SPIRITANS "I offer our sincere thanks for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our recent Mission Appeal. We received £706.70 from your parish."

MASS TIMES

12th October -18th October

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 12TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LUCY YOUNG **INTS** ST WILFRED
TUES 13TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOYONU HUNNU-MOIETT **INTS** ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
WED 14TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GEORGE PHINIEFS **RIP** ST CALLISTUS
THURS 15TH OCT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 16TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LAWSON/ ROKE FAMILIES ST HEDWIG
SAT 17TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOE & MARGARET DA CUNHA **RIP** ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN 18TH OCT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	EBENEZER ODEI-KWALIA **RIP** EILEEN DARCY (**L/D) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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100 CLUB The September draw took place last weekend. Winning numbers: Anna H. No 36, Jon K. No 80, John G. No.62. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

SVP—Will meet this **Sunday 18th October** after the 9.30 mass in the Library.

SAINTS, HOLINESS AND MY DAILY LIFE—talk by Fr James Mctavish on how to live life to the fullest. **Wednesday 28th October,** Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip 7.15—8.30 pm—bring a pen.

FOODBANK next collection will be **Mon 2nd November** 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.

ALL SOULS DAY –2nd November, there will be a special evening mass, in addition to the 9.30 am mass, for all those bereaved who will have the opportunity to light a candle for their loved ones during the mass.

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT—HEALING HEARTS– Sacred heart church Saturday 14th November 10.30 am—5pm led by the Verbum Dei Community—see notice board outside for details.

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.