SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026 + 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

7TH/8TH NOVEMBER

6.00 PM (SAT)	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.30 AM	MARY KELLY **(A) RIP**
11.30 AM	HOLY SOULS
3.00 PM	HEALING MASS (FR VICTOR)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Izabel Malheiros, 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,

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Tom Cox, Mary Kelly, Ann Murphy, Tony Weeden, Dick Hinde

RECENLTY DEPARTED: We pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Kybird recently departed.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

JOSH & MANAR

For their forthcoming marriage



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY



burns this coming week
for the intentions of

IZABEL MALHEIROS

Dear Parishioners,

"Behold the Bridegroom is here. Come out to meet him!"

This Sunday we hear the parable of Jesus about the wedding feast and the 10 bridesmaids; five foolish ones and five wise ones. The bridegroom is expected to arrive at any moment. The bridegroom's arrival at midnight can symbolise either the return of Jesus Christ to our world at the end of time, or his particular presence to us in the hour of our own death or the daily moments of his coming to us by grace through his Holy Spirit. Each moment, reveals who among us is wise and who is foolish. The wise bring oil, symbolising the interior dispositions of faith, hope and charity. The foolish ones fail to prepare or to take the opportunities this life offers us to come to know the one who has given us life. We can see ourselves therefore as the bridesmaids, dozing perhaps in the stillness of night, only to be startled awake by the sudden trumpet blast and the cry: *"Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"* Are we ready to meet the Lord? This parable calls us not only to be ready for our own death but also to be attentive to the many ways Jesus comes to us daily by grace. Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts in moments of prayer, in opportunities to love, to repent, to forgive and to surrender to him. To delay, to resist, or to put Jesus off is to risk being shut out, not only from the eternal wedding feast, but also from the joy of God's presence here and now. The price of this betrothal and the mystical marriage of our faith is the death of the Son of Man, the Bridegroom himself. Jesus gives his life for us and for the Church, as a new and eternal covenant of love, never to be withdrawn. This is a true marriage! Let us reflect today if our lamp is ready to burn brightly at each moment. Are we attentive to the daily promptings of grace, or do we grow spiritually drowsy, distracted by worldly cares? Let us ask the Lord to awaken our soul, to keep us vigilant and eager for his coming, whether at the end of our life or in the flow of all the moments of each day. Let us also give thanks this Remembrance Sunday for all those who have made the supreme sacrifice of their lives in times of armed conflict to bring peace to our world and pray for their eternal rest.

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

MASS OF HEALING— SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 3PM with Fr Joseph Victor from the community of Jesus the Divine healer in India. All welcome to attend or watch on the live stream http://clearview.org.uk/st-thomas-more

REMEMBRANCE– 8TH NOVEMBER is Remembrance Sunday. There is a service at 11am at the Eastcote War Memorial opposite the Morford Way to remember all those service personnel and civilians who have given their lives in both World wars and subsequent conflict. We wlll remember them. May they rest in peace.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER. The number of our priests over the age of 75 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year. There will be retiring collections after all the masses next weekend.

FEAST CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER The 9.30 am mass will be a mass for the children, with crowns made at the children's liturgy next weekend and children taking part in the mass. This will be followed by a **PARISH BREAKFAST** in the hall with sausage, egg or bacon rolls.

MASS TIMES

9th November– 16th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 9TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DICK HINDE **(A) RIP** THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
TUES 10TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST LEO THE GREAT
WED 11TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PETER FERNANDES **(A) RIP** ST MARTIN OF TOURS
THURS 12TH NOV	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 13TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NORA CAIN **RIP**
SAT 14TH-NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUN 15TH NOV		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	ALICE CLIFFORD HOLY SOULS PAULINE HAWES **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY** INTERMENT OF HER ASHES IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY

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100 CLUB Winning number for October: Mary L. No 47 , John G. No. 62 Margaret O' R. No 68. Please collect your cheques from the sacristy.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - if you are in year 9 school year or above and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation in **June 2027,** applications are now open. Forms can be found as you come into church or on the parish website**.**

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 the forms found in the narthex or download them from the website. The closing date for applications is **30th November.**

HELPING OUR PARISH WITH YOUR TIME AND TALENTS We know from the recent Parish Survey and Open Meeting that people around the parish would like to see more social events, particularly for the elderly, outreach to the wider community and combined events with younger people. If you would like to become more involved, sharing your talents to help explore these areas, or for any of the different activities that currently go on here, and you don't know whom to contact, just email me anthony.inglese@btinternet.com or whatsapp 07710 160977 and I will get back to you. We would love to be able to move forward with these ideas and share the time given by current volunteers. **Anthony Inglese, Chair Parish Pastoral Council** "for it is in giving that we receive…" *St Francis*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP The next meeting will be **WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT 2.30 PM** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

CHURCH GARDENS WORK IN DAY—SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 10 AM to put the church garden to bed for the Winter. If any of our Landscaping Team are unavailable, please attend your nominated plot separately. We are also looking for new members to join the dedicated group and make light work of what could otherwise be an overwhelming task. As usual, tea/coffee and biscuits will be available and a social gathering of which you would be proud. Any questions please call Madaline—020 8866 7706

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER an evening of song for Christmas led by the Folk Group. 7.00 pm and singing starts at 7.30. No charge for the evening, There will be a voluntary collection for Michael Sobell Hospice and for vital Church Maintenance. Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. See posters for details and sign up sheet if you are coming.

FOODBANK next collection will be **MON 7TH DECEMBER** the last before Christmas.