

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK, 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

All masses can now be attended without booking but social distancing must be observed and all people must record their presence at the main entrance.

You can still join in all masses online. See website.

### Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

6 pm Vigil Mass: *Welfare of Jude Solomon*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30 am Mass: *People of the Parish*

10 am Mass: *Welfare of the Nolan family*

11:30am **Mass in German**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

10:00 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

10:00 am Mass: *Welfare of the Afghan people*

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast**

10.00 am Mass: *Christine Watson RIP*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 am Mass: *Therese Jones RIP*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 am Mass: *Victims of Covid*

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

6 pm Vigil Mass: *People in need of help*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30 am Mass: *People of the parish*

10 am Mass: *Richard and Mary Cave RIP*

11:30am **Mass in German**



Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing Hand to heal us. Touch our souls and show us Your compassion and loving mercy. Look after all those suffering, and protect and bless all those who heal them today – may we trust in You always Lord. Amen.



The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The 15<sup>th</sup> of September is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Lady's message at Fatima was to say the rosary for world peace, so please consider saying one if possible.

The church will be open for private prayer and confessions on Wednesdays from 4–6pm.

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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*'This parish exists to create in every place and time the conditions for a personal encounter of individuals with Jesus Christ.'*

## 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## The Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

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Readings for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday are on page 129 in the Parish Mass Book.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 35:4-7*

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 145:7-10*

*My soul, give praise to the Lord*

### Second Reading

*James 2:1-5*

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 7:31-37*



Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech

The German Community will restart their Sunday Mass from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Edith Sander Pastoral Referent 020 8332 1036 [gemeindereferentin@dkg-london.org](mailto:gemeindereferentin@dkg-london.org) for more information

### Mass Celebration at church

You do not need to book for the masses but Covid restrictions will still apply. Record your name and contact number on the paper in the foyer. Please bring a face mask & keep a social distance. You can still join online via Zoom. Click on the link that you can find on the website [www.stthomasaquinasham.org](http://www.stthomasaquinasham.org) or you can use your normal landline or handheld devices: Dial 020 34815240, Meeting ID 944217611#Password 123456#

Church Offerings - Please continue to make your offering for the church directly to

**Account name: RCAS St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham**

**Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account Number: 79122469, Ref.: Offer**

**Arranging a standing order at your bank makes things easier for everyone.** This particularly applies if you are able to **GIFT AID** your donation. Please contact John Kane on 07920565330 if you have any questions. Envelope-donations can be handed in at the church. Ensure your donation is labelled with your name and number if you are able to gift aid.

Please pray for those candidates who are preparing for Confirmation in October.

Pray for the sick and housebound: Michael Ayris, Pat Dawson, Michael Kelly, Oscar Nolan, Mary O Hara, Anne Pobjoy, Emmanuel Solomon, Thomas Sundstrom.

Pray for those who have recently died - Susan Chorlton, Fidelma Cook, Gordon Pocock.

100 CLUB Details about the club and the rules can be obtained from Fergus Leahy 020 8546 7360; 07955045300.



Divine Mercy Devotions – The Divine Mercy chaplet is a devotion which our Lord requested from Sister Faustina, a Polish nun, for the intention of converting sinners and asking for God’s mercy.

Visit [www.divinemercury.org](http://www.divinemercury.org) for more information.

### Education Sunday

**Education Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> September)** is an event thanking all teachers in Catholic schools for their hard work since the start of the pandemic. Please pray for them and those working in the education sector at this time.

### Season of Creation

The **Season of Creation** – dedicated to appreciating God’s creation – runs from **1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation) and [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org) for more information.

### Aylesford Priory – masses on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September

There will be a Mass for all victims of COVID-19, which will be on **12 noon on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September** (Address – Aylesford Priory, The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BY). There is also a **Little Flower Pilgrimage on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, which includes a Blessing of the Roses and concludes with Mass at 3pm – all are welcome.

### Ham Fair Co-Project

Our church wants to organise a Surplus Food stall on our parking lot on September 11<sup>th</sup>, when the Ham Fair is on from 11am – 16:30pm. This is to promote our future project with the Foodbank. If you are interested in helping, please contact Birgit by email ([birgit.michel366@gmail.com](mailto:birgit.michel366@gmail.com)), or by phone/text (07486908002). We welcome home-made baked goods, preserves and garden plants to enrich the assortment of surplus foods. We might also be able to serve coffee/tea depending on available volunteers on the day. **If you are in need of provisions call the Food Bank 020 8940 0274 or go to [www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk)**

### Party in Hall for David Wield – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm we will be having a party, in our church hall, to which all are invited, to say goodbye to David Wield who has been such a good parishioner and friend to so many in this church. Fran Payne will be in charge of the catering so please contact her with offers of help.

### HELP URGENTLY NEEDED IN THIS PARISH

Church Maintenance: There is much to be done on maintaining our building and improving it. Volunteers to help with this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fr Robert for more details.

Church Cleaning: We are looking to restart the regular cleaning of the church and want to draw up a new rota for this service. Generally, commitment to clean for each team is once every 2 months, but for this we need to form 4 teams. Typically, 3 people per team will be sufficient. Please contact Fran Payne at [franpayne30@btinternet.com](mailto:franpayne30@btinternet.com) to learn more or to sign up to join a team.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society – Awareness Month and Mass 27<sup>th</sup> September

September is ‘Awareness Month’ for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), including the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul on 27 September. Awareness Month celebrates the work of SVP members since the start of the pandemic – the society calls for a million gestures of kindness and encourages volunteers to continue its charity. There will be a special **Mass on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church in Mill Hill, London**. Visit [www.svp.org.uk/help-svp](http://www.svp.org.uk/help-svp) for further details.

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

The nativity of Mary is not directly recorded in the Bible, however Church teaching on the subject is informed by writings from around the first century ([www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)). In these writings, Mary’s father Joachim is described as a wealthy member of the one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. An angel revealed to Anne, who greatly desired a child, that she would conceive Mary. At one year old, Mary’s father organised a great feast to celebrate her birth and she was offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, later entering a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph. The feast of her nativity is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

