



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 23rd April 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Pro-Populo
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Mary Jones
11:00am Solemn Mass	Noreen Donohoe RIP

Weekday Masses

**Monday 24th THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE
PATRON OF ENGLAND**

9:30am Holy Mass For persecuted Christians

Tuesday 25th

9:30am Holy Mass Fr Christopher & Andrew

Wednesday 26th

---- NO Mass

Thursday 27th

---- NO Mass

Friday 28th

---- NO Mass

Saturday 29th

11:00am Holy Mass The Sick & Housebound
With Anointing of the Sick
Please note the change of time

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30pm Vigil Mass Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham

SUNDAY 30th

9:00am Holy Mass Maureen Roach

11:00am Solemn Mass Pro Populo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday No Morning Confessions 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

We *cannot live*, be Christians, fully realizing our humanity and the desires for good and happiness that dwell in our hearts without the Word of the Lord, which in the celebration of the liturgy takes shape and becomes a living word, spoken by God for those who today open their hearts to listen.

We cannot live as Christians *without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross* in which the Lord Jesus gives himself unreservedly to save, by his death, humanity which had died because of sin; the Redeemer associates humanity with himself and leads it back to the Father; in the embrace of the Crucified One all human suffering finds light and comfort.



*One Heart
One Spirit*

The first Spiritan to step foot in England was Fr. Jacques Bertout, from France. A refugee from the persecution of the Church during the French Revolution, he arrived on 19th September, 1792 and immediately began missionary work here until he was able to return to France in 1802.

The permanent establishment of the Congregation in England was in 1904 in the Diocese of Clifton when a large property called Prior Park was rented.

We welcome Fr Brendan Ona to all the Masses this weekend.

Spiritans have enjoyed some great missionary successes and expansion in Britain and overseas, and have maintained an international and missionary flavour to their works.

Spiritans of the British Province work in Britain and many parts of the world. In 2017 their overseas mission works are largely in South Africa, Brussels, Italy, Nigeria and the USA

In the UK we have over 50 Spiritans working in Youth, Refugee, Prison, Hospital and Parish ministries. Many work as Parish priests, development workers, chaplains, retreat and spiritual directors.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

- Bishop David McGough
- Gerry Smith, Anthony Staley, Michael Earlis, Bernadette Smith
- John Askin

Kathleen King & Geoffrey King –
Requiem 15th May 10:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for 'Family'

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

16.04.23 - Gift Aid: £98.00. Non-Gift Aid: £456.58.
Total: £554.58

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Holy Places - £292.51**
- This Weekend – The Spiritans**
- Next Weekend – Clergy Training Fund**

Thank you for your support and generosity

PIETY SHOP

First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH DIARY
APRIL

Sunday 23rd Afternoon Tea 3:00pm
Saturday 29th Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

MAY

Saturday 13th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon
Sunday 14th Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 17th **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**
Thursday 18th **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

Saturday 20th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon
Sunday 21st Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

MASS FOR MARRIAGE – SAINT CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday 29 April followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. For more information, contact Paul Northam by emailing marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk or call him on 0121 321 5148.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

All welcome to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 13 May. The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans. Our afternoon programme starts from 12noon with Arrival at the Shrine. 1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. 3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House. 5pm – Depart For further information please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESE - VACANCIES

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is delighted to have secured funding for its Schools Singing Programme. We are seeking up to five enthusiastic Choral Directors to work with the Programme Director to implement, deliver and develop the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 2 May