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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Andrew & David O’Gorman

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Joe Evans RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Edmond Boland RIP

12:30pm Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Holy Monday 3rd

9:30am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

Holy Tuesday 4th

9:30am Holy Mass

Deceased Walsh & McLoughlin Family

Holy Wednesday 5th

11:30am Chrism Mass at Saint Chad’s Cathedral

6:00pm Holy Mass

Eileen & Terence Gilligan

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 6th

7:00pm THE SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Watch at the Altar of Repose

10:00pm Compline

GOOD FRIDAY 7th

10:00am Tenebrae

3:00pm THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

& Divine Mercy Novena

Holy Saturday 8th

10:00am Tenebrae & Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am The Blessing of Easter Baskets

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday for Sunday

8:00pm THE SOLEMN PASCHAL VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

George Cassidy RIP

EASTER SUNDAY 9th

9:00am Holy Mass

Bridget & John Kavanagh
RIP Anniv

10:40am Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am SOLEMN MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

Bishop David McGough RIP



We have now arrived at the heart of Holy Week, the culmination of the Lenten journey. On Thursday we shall enter the Easter Triduum, the three holy days in which the Church commemorates the mystery of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The Son of God, who, after becoming man in obedience to the Father, similar to us in all things save sin, accepted to do the Father’s will to the very end. He accepted the Passion and the Cross out of love for us, to enable us to share in his Resurrection so that, in him and for him, we might live for ever in consolation and in peace.

I therefore urge you to accept this mystery of salvation and to participate intensely in the Easter Triduum, the fulcrum of the entire Liturgical Year and a time of special grace for every Christian. I invite you in these days to seek recollection and prayer, so as to draw more deeply from this source of grace. In this regard, with a view to the forthcoming celebrations every Christian is asked to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, a moment of special adherence to the death and Resurrection of Christ, to be able to participate more fruitfully in Holy Easter.



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

In these three sacred moments the whole mystery of the Mass enfolds before us, the mystery of our eternal Salvation.

This is a time when we can receive Sanctifying Grace from God who in His great Love for us brings us into the very mystery of His Love. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Celebration of the Passion and the Pascha Vigil Mass of the Resurrection are the very heart of the faith. The Sacred Triduum is everything for us and so I pray that it will be a time of great blessing for you all. A blessed Holy Week.

With my prayers

Fr Christopher

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

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.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS - Świąconka

The traditional blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place after Tenebrae on Holy Saturday morning at 11:00am

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Bishop David McGough

Michael Mullen, Gerard King, Michael Simons

John McDonagh, Michael Kerrigan

Johnny Askin –

Reception 17th April 5:00pm

Requiem 18th April 10:30am

Michael Simons

Requiem 13th April 11:00am

At Holy Family, Small Heath

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Maria Macklin and Michelle Madden.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

26.03.23 – Gift Aid: £353.78 Non-Gift Aid: £431.42

Total £785.20

Gift Aid and Planned Giving Envelopes are now ready for collection.

Thank you for your support and generosity

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Easter Flowers - £242.25

This Weekend – Retiring for Priests Training Fund.

Good Friday – Retiring collection for Holy Places.

Next Weekend – Second Collection is your Easter offering to our parish priest – envelopes are available.

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 16th Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

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

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 10th & 11th of June.**

A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

This year the Walk of Witness will again start from Saint Thomas More Church at 11:15am and walk along Horseshoes Lane to Coventry Road where we will meet with Lyndon Methodist Church. All will then proceed along the Coventry Road, to Savers. If you are able please join this time of prayer.

EASTER MONDAY MASS AT SAINT CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

His Grace the Archbishop will offer the Easter Monday Mass at 10:00am in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

CHURCH CLEANING – to prepare the church for Easter After 9:30am Mass on Monday 5th April. Your help will be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 29th March 2023
Winning Numbers 03-12-14-10
No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Monday 5th April after Mass
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+