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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13th August 2023

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

Intention

Hugh Hanratty RIP Anniv

Pro Populo

Margaret, Cathal, John &
Bernadette McGrory RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 14th Saint Maximillian Kolbe

---- NO Morning Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holyday of Obligation

6:00pm Vigil Mass

John Dillon RIP

Tuesday 15th

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass

Brendan McCartney RIP

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm Holy Mass

Michele Madden RIP

Wednesday 16th Saint Stephen of Hungary

---- NO Mass

Thursday 17th

---- NO Mass

Friday 18th

---- NO Mass

Saturday 19th Saint John Eudes

10:00am Holy Mass

Margaret Mary Miles Flynn
RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

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Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Tony & Edel McLoughlin

SUNDAY 20th

9:00am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

11:00am Solemn Mass

Anthony Staley RIP

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 - After the morning Mass on Fridays



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“Blessed is she who believed”
The *Magnificat*, this canticle to God, alive and active in history is a hymn of faith and love, which springs from the heart of the Virgin.

She lived with exemplary fidelity and kept in the inmost depths of her heart the words of God to his people, the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, making them the content of her prayer: the Word of God in the *Magnificat* became the word of Mary, the lamp for her journey, thus preparing her to receive even in her womb the Word of God made flesh

Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Francis encourages spread of silent Eucharistic adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the love of Jesus Christ.

One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. Yet, I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least.”

To waste time — if I may say it — before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. To adore, there in the silence, in the silence of adoration. He is the Lord, and I adore Him. May the Lord also grant us this grace which Paul asked for the Ephesians, this grace of coming to know Christ.

Pope Francis

This week: Tuesday at 6:00pm

DIOCESAN NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

This begins this Friday in preparation for his Feast on Saturday 26th August.

The following is the Prayer for the Novena:

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, Pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST
For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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 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. or have to move along a pew and be in danger of tripping over the kneeler.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Michael Slattery, Katie Comerford, Michele Madden, John White
 Margaret Kerrigan Reception 30th August 6:30pm
 Requiem 31st August 10:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS AND FLOWERS This week are sponsored by Alec McDonald in Thanksgiving.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

06.08.23 - Gift Aid: £95.00 Non-Gift Aid: £366.81
 Total: £461.81

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. She can be contacted at:

sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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
AUGUST

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holyday of Obligation

Monday 14th Vigil Mass 6:00pm
 Tuesday 15th Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

September in our Deanery time of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and there will be events throughout the Deanery to pray for this intention.

MARCH FOR LIFE

London UK March for Life Saturday 2nd Sept 2023. Day return coach trip. Pick-up 7.30am at Birmingham Oratory, St Dunstan's Kings Heath 7.45am, St Augustine's Solihull 8.00am, leaving London 5pm. £25 pp (reduced rates for children) payable on booking for confirmed seat, with mobile number/email address for acknowledgement.

Contact Alice for Oratory pick-up on 07845 706362 and Brian for St Augustine's/St Dunstan's pick-up on 07726 311261.

THE SEASON OF CREATION - "Let Justice and Peace Flow"

Season of Creation: 1 September- 4 October

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

In preparation for this season of celebration and reflection you can find useful resources including a Vigil for Creation and prayers of intercession for your parish or your prayer groups.

www.birmingham.org.uk/News/preparing-for-the-season-of-creation

CORPUS CHRISTI STETCHFORD – 'Thank you'

Sister Maura sends her thanks to all who supported their recent garden party. £5804.74 was raised. Thank you.