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THE XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27th August 2023

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Intention

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass
Steve Simon Ints
Ogiesoba (Richard) Eweka
RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 28th Saint Augustine

Bank Holiday

11:00am Holy Mass William Buckley RIP

Tuesday 29th The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

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Wednesday 30th Saint Margaret Clitherow,
Saint Anne Line & Saint Margaret Ward

6:00pm Holy Mass Caroline Goalie

Please note the change of time

6:30pm Reception Margaret Kerrigan

Thursday 31st Saint Aiden of Lindisfarne

10:00am Requiem Mass Margaret Kerrigan

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Brendan McCartney RIP

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st First Friday

9:30am Holy Mass Deceased of the Smith
Family & Relatives

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 2nd Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass Liam & Sorcha McLoughlin

10:30 – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday Devotions

XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Eddie Deery RIP

SUNDAY 3rd

9:00am Holy Mass Anne & Joe Perkins

11:00am Solemn Mass John White RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass

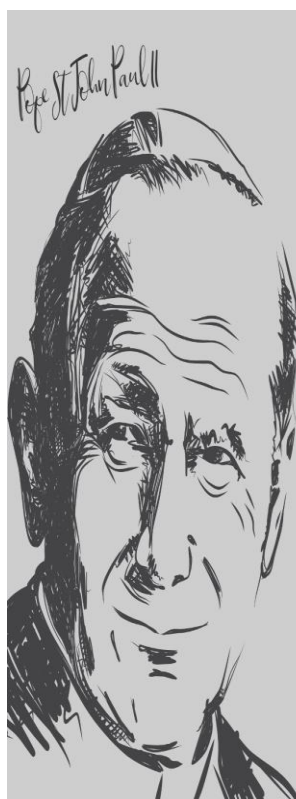


Saint Margaret Clitherow, Saint Anne Line & Saint Margaret Ward

The three martyrs we commemorate on August 30th are numbered amongst the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, who suffered death for the Catholic faith which had been outlawed in the kingdom.

These three women – St. Margaret Clitherow, St. Anne Line, and St. Margaret Ward – were all martyred because they protected Catholic priests from the Elizabethan authorities, who were seeking out all Catholic priests for execution. During this dark time in history, it was illegal for priests to be in the country, as it was illegal for Catholics to receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Although these three martyrs were canonized in 1970 among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, they are commemorated on a separate day because of the particular reason for their deaths; namely, their deep respect for the priesthood, and their zealous protection of priests.



Pope St John Paul II's words to women who have had an abortion.

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion; The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong, but do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to His mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life."

MARCH FOR LIFE – Please pray for the Sanctity of all Human Life



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.



ALTAR SERVERS

If you are able and would like to sever at the Altar, particularly at the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Sunday please let us know. Just come to the Sacristy after Mass.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Colin Hitchins.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

20.08.23 - Gift Aid: £120.49. Non-Gift Aid: £412.38
 Total: £532.87

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Priests Training Fund - £286.64

This Weekend – March for Life

03.09 – Catholic Education Service

10.09 – Friends of the Holy Land selling Olive Wood Carvings

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. They 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.

PARISH DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4th

9:00am Mass for the Staff of the schools

September is 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 12th September**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

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 payers of intercession for your parish or your prayer groups.

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

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ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
 Result for 23rd August 2023
Winning Numbers 05-02-16-13
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Monday 28th August
after 11:00 am Mass
 1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
 Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
 Match 3 numbers = share £75+

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