



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Holy Mass

### Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Earlis, Leniham &  
O'Dea Families

### SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Mary Quaid & Bob Sullivan  
RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

John & Margaret Lyons  
RIP Anniv

12noon Holy Baptism

### Weekday Masses

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass

Pauline Hatton RIP

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00pm Rosary & Novena

9:30pm Holy Mass

Allison Malins RIP

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,  
Patron of Europe**

9:30am Holy Mass

George Northey RIP

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass

Christopher Skerritt

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

*Please note the change of times Thursday & Friday*

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Margaret & Vincent O'Gana

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Mass

Martin RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

## XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Hugh Hanratty RIP Anniv

SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

11:00am Solemn Mass

Margaret, Cathal, John &  
Bernadette McGrory 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



### THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up a high mountain and was transfigured before them, becoming so dazzlingly bright that they were "whiter than the work of any bleacher could make them"

The liturgy invites us to focus our gaze on this mystery of light. On the transfigured face of Jesus, a ray of light which he held within shines forth. This same light was to shine on Christ's face on the day of the resurrection. In this sense, the Transfiguration appears as a foretaste of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration invites us to open the eyes of our hearts to the mystery of God's light, present throughout salvation history.

With the Risen Christ, truth and love triumph over deceit and sin. In him, God's light henceforth illumines definitively human life and the course of history: "I am the light of the world," he says in the Gospel, "he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"



### SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.



**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.

**Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace**  
 Anthony Mahon, Patrick O’Sullivan, George Northey,  
 Lorrain Roe, Martin Meehan , Michael Slattery, Katie  
 Comerford, Michele Madden, John White  
 Margaret Kerrigan Reception 30<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm  
 Requiem 31<sup>st</sup> August 10:00am

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS AND FLOWERS** This week are sponsored in memory of John McGrory.

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

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**  
 30.07.23 - Gift Aid: £117.00 Non-Gift Aid: £375.05  
 Total: £492.05.

**GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS**  
 Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

**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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

**PARISH DIARY**  
**AUGUST**

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

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

**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 payers of intercession for you parish or your prayer groups.  
[www.birmingham.org.uk/News/preparing-for-the-season-of-creation](http://www.birmingham.org.uk/News/preparing-for-the-season-of-creation)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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

**ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE**  
**JACKPOT £600**  
 Result for 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023  
**Winning Numbers 12-10-03-05**  
**No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 9th August 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+