

ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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

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<p>St. Thomas More Primary Sch. Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Head teacher Sr. Susan Collins</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">24th December 2017 – Year B</h3>	<p>St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch. Windrush Close, B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Acting head teachers: Mrs Anita Delaney & Mrs Jayne Crean</p>
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Masses		
Sat	5:30pm	Andrew & David O’Gorman, RIP
Sun 24th Christmas Eve		
	8:30am	Sarah Derbyshire, RIP
	10:30am	William Heekin, RIP
1 st Mass of Christmas		
	5:30pm	Josie, Harold & Noel Whittal RIP
	Midnight	People of the Parish (Carols from 11:30pm)
Mon 25th SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
	8:30am	Jerry Creighton, RIP
	10:30am	Tom & Cath Larkin, RIP
Tue 26th Feast of St Stephen		
	10:00am	Sam & Margaret Somerville, RIP Anniv.
Feast of St John		
Wed	9:00am	Cyril & Frank Gallagher and Gallagher Family
Feast of the Holy Innocents		
Thurs	9:00am	Michael & Hannah Brosnan, RIP
Feast of St Thomas Becket		
Fri	9:00am	Sis Murray, RIP Anniv.
Sat		NO MORNING MASS

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Wednesday during 9am Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration Wed 9:30am-12noon. Sat 4:25-5:05pm.
Morning Prayer of the Church: Tue 9:45am, Wed, Thur, Fri 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession: Christmas Eve 2:00-3:00pm
 Sat Dec 30th. 4:30pm-5:00pm

Recently Deceased:
John Noone (Coventry Rd), Reception Tues 2nd Jan 6:30pm, Funeral Mass Wed 3rd Jan 10:15am.
Nancy French (Coverdale Rd) Funeral Mass, Mon 8th Jan at 10:30am.
Sarah Tempest (Olvenshaw Road) Reception Mon 8th Jan., 6:30pm, Funeral Mass Tues 9th Jan, 10:30am
Michael Kelleher (Bryn Arden Rd) Reception Thurs 11th Jan, 6:30pm. Funeral Mass Fri 12th Jan, 10:30am.

May they Rest in Peace

The Hamper Raffle was drawn last weekend after the Carol Service. Ticket sales raised £330. Prize winners are published in the porch. Congratulations to the winners and thanks for all your support!

Dates for your diary
Sun 31st Dec: New Year Holy Hour 11pm-Midnight.
Sat 6th Jan: Epiphany Party after 5:30pm Mass with Bingo, Eyes down 7:30pm.
Fri 19th Jan: General Parish Meeting.
Sun 21st Jan Christian Unity Service, St Thomas More’s Church, 6pm.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Mae McLoughlin, RIP
Sun	8:30am	William Dempsey, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Kath Dowse, Ints

Epiphany Party including Our Monthly Bingo
 – Saturday 6th Jan 2018 after 5:30pm Mass. Drinks (alcoholic & non-alcoholic) will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the porch, so that you can kindly indicate what food item(s) you can bring. All Welcome!

Tabor House – Birmingham’s only permanent night shelter is looking for volunteers. If interested contact Mairead Shaw 07387 418318 – More details on Poster in the Porch

New Catholic Diocesan Directories are available in the Piety Shop, £2.50

New Year’s Eve Holy Hour – Come and see in the New Year in Prayer, join us from 11pm on Sunday 31st December, benediction by candlelight at Midnight.

The Priest & People of Sacred Heart Church, Prestbury Road, Aston, B6 6EG invite you to a celebration in thanksgiving for the new roof to the Church with a Mass celebrated by His Grace, the Archbishop on **Sunday 14th January at 11am** and afterwards in the School for food, historic displays and entertainment

Please take one of the **Christmas posters** supplied by the **Knights of St Columba**, and display in a window of your home.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – 17th December 2017
 Gift Aid £218.03 ~ Non-Gift Aid £593.91
 There will be a second collection this weekend for the Christmas Flowers
The collection taken at the Christmas Services will be the customary collection for your parish clergy. Christmas Offering envelopes are available

Offering Hope when the Cradle is Empty. What can religious couples do when their desire or the gift of a child is left wanting? To find out more 01926 834654. www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk See poster in porch

Confirmation Preparation for Children in Non-Catholic Schools
 Will resume on Sunday, January 7th 2018

St. Thomas More’s Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £2,000
 Result for 21/12/2017
01-04-12-18
 Next draw will take place
Wednesday 27th Dec after morning Mass

A Lifeline for Marriages - Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The **Retrouaille** programme may be what you need! For more info visit www.retrouaille.org.uk. details in porch.

Come Home for Christmas Campaign
 Cards are available with the details of our Christmas Services. Please take some and pass them on to the people you may have been praying for during Advent –

Rotas for 31st Dec:
Readers:
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Counting: M.Folan, B.McDonald

Annual Pro-Life All Night Vigil
 Exposition from 10 pm Wed Dec 27th. concluding with Mass of the Holy Innocents, 6am Thurs 28th Dec, Olton Friary, St Bernard’s Road, Olton. The vigil will take place in the Day Chapel, the entrance will be signposted. All are welcome!

Prayers at Christmas
 You are welcome to write a prayer request on an angel/star & place on the porch Christmas tree. These intentions will be prayed for at all the Christmas Masses.

Brasses: M.McGrory, A.Perkins
Counting: A.Aulton, A.Corkery, J.Crossan

Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers
 Altar Servers and their families are invited to Mass at 10:00am on 26th Dec, St. Stephen’s Day, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. Watch this space for details of Bowling for Altar Servers in the New Year!

Parish Societies:
SVP – second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary (Adult group) Thurs 10am.
Thursday Lunch Club Resumes in New Year
Youth Group Resumes after Christmas
Choir Practice: Resumes in January.
Journey in Faith Monday Jan 8th, 7pm.

	<p>Fr John (and, of course, Fr Dougal 🐾), Wish you all every blessing for Christmas May the peace of the Christ Child reign in your hearts</p>	
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