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ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
25th December 2016 – Year A



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Head teacher Mr. David Naughton

Table with Masses: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 8:30am, Mon 10:00am, Tues 10:00am, Wed 9:00am, Thur 9:00am, Fri 9:00am, Sat 9:00am. Includes feast days like Feast of St Stephen and Feast of the Holy Family.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tues during 10:00am Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration: Sat 4:25-5:05pm plus New Year's Eve Holy Hour.
Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon, Tue 9:45am. Wed- Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Sat 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.

Recently Deceased:
Joseph Farrell (Berryfield Road) Funeral Service, Yardley Crem, Fri 30th. Dec, 10:45 am.
Eileen Turriff (formerly of Lyndon Road). Reception Wed 11th. Jan 6:30pm, Funeral Mass, Thurs 12th., 12:00pm.
Jim Grady (Carnford Ave), Teresa Kelly May they rest in peace.

Monthly Holy Hour for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
From January 2017 this will be transferred to 9:30-10:30am on the First Saturday Morning of each month and will incorporate first Saturday devotions. All extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are asked to make a monthly Holy Hour. If it is not possible to attend here on the First Saturday, please try and make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament elsewhere.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend
Sat 5:30pm Catherine Rooney, RIP Anniv.
Sun 8:30am Bridie Evans, RIP Anniv.
10:30am Bridie & Paddy Maher, RIP Anniv.

St Stephens Day Mass, 10:00am - At this Mass our new servers (i.e those who have started serving this year) will be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen. Family members & friends are all most welcome.

Monthly Mass with Anointing of the Sick
From January 2017, this Mass will take place at 10:30am on the 3rd. Saturday of each month. It will be preceded by prayers in honour of St Peregrine, the Patron Saint of cancer sufferers. Next Mass with Anointing: Saturday, 21st. January, 10:30 am. The Kerala Community organise a 2nd. Saturday Convention every month. More details soon.

Journey in Faith
Our parish RCIA group will resume at 7pm on Monday, January 9th. 2017 in the Upper Room. It is still not too late to join. Are you or is somebody you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps you know of an adult who hasn't been baptised. Maybe you were baptised a Catholic but not confirmed. Perhaps you just wish to deepen your faith? All are welcome.

This year's Crib Offerings are to go to the Fireside Centre for the homeless, and to Friends of the Holy Land, in support of suffering Christians

The Hamper Raffle was drawn last weekend after the Carol Service. Ticket sales raised £376.55. A list of the winners are published in the porch

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
18th December
Gift Aid £256.2 ~ Non-Gift Aid £449.87
This Weekend ~ The 2nd collection is the customary collection for the parish clergy. Christmas Offering envelopes are available.

Dates for your Diary:
New Year Holy Hour - Saturday 31st December, 11pm concluding at midnight with benediction.
Epiphany Party - Saturday 7th Jan 2017 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. There will be a free Bingo!
Altar Servers Trip to the Cinema - Friday 20th Jan 2017 Servers go free but must be accompanied by an adult family member

Prayers at Christmas - Please write a prayer intention on a Christmas tree decoration beside the tree in the porch. The intentions will be prayed for at the Christmas Masses

Confirmation Preparation Group - Resumes Sun 8th. January, 9:30am upper room

Annual Pro-Life All Night Vigil,
Tues 27th Dec 10:00pm. concluding with Mass of the Holy Innocents, Wed Dec 28th, 6:00am at Olton Friary, St Bernard's Road, Olton.
All are welcome, for all or part of the night. Entrance through the Friary Hall at the side of the church. Refreshments available throughout the night. Please come and pray, to make reparation for abortion.

Talk on Baptism, Wed Jan 4th., 2017, 6:30pm in church. All are welcome, especially if you are having a child baptised shortly or you have been asked to be a Godparent.

Fatima Centenary 2017. There are still places on our parish pilgrimage to Fatima - July 10th -17th. 2017. Cost £735 per person (based on 2 people sharing) half board. For more info contact Fr John. There will be a Fatima evening in the parish centre (upper room) on Friday, January 13th 2017, 7:45pm with a DVD on Fatima

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote
This week's Jackpot: £1,250
Result for 18/12/2016
02-08-09-10
Next draw, Wed 28th December
After morning Mass in the presbytery

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This programme can help you too. There is no group therapy or group work. For more information please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or 07887 296983. Full details in porch.

Parish Societies:
SVP - Next meeting to be announced
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45pm
Thursday Lunch Club Resumes in January
Youth Group - Resumes in January.
Choir Practice Tues 10:45am
Journey in Faith Resumes Mon Jan 9th.

Table with Rotas for 1st January: Readers: 5:30pm Team D, 8:30am Team D, 10:30 am Team B; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Team D, 8:30am Team C, 10:30 am Team E; Cleaning: I.Buckley, S.Smith; Brasses: S.Hall, C.McGrory; Counting: F.Perkins, M.McGrory, T.McGrory

Refreshments after Sun 10:30 Mass. Please support! Proceeds to Acorns and SVP

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Cornelius McKay, Pam Firkins, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Kathleen Fahy, Joseph Lockington, Sally Woodcock, Joan Morris, Charlie Fogarty, Montana Coughlan, Clara Bett, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Camron Cuddihy, Vera King, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Ettie Devine, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Fred Whitehouse, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Anne Cleary, Elaine Collins, Lillian Collins, John Bond, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Mary Morris, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessner, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Bernie O'Gorman, Rita Deehan, Nora Mills, Michael Ward, Ami Mucklow, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Margaret Casey, Jack Baker, Anne O'Meara, Danny Moore, Peter Bradford, Santhamma Abraham, Pamela Smith, Mary Cusack, Catherine Byrne, Martha Burton, Mary Hill, Kathleen Widdop, Michael Ruane, Rose Casey, Kathleen Biddles. ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Ireland, Bishop Thomas, Mgr Canon Gavin, Fr Meagher, Fr Murphy, Mgr O'Mahoney, Fr McCabe, Fr McInerney, Fr O'Callaghan, Fr Etherington, Fr Evans, Fr Lynch, George Wooley, Bridie Maher, Margaret Brennan, Kathleen Phillips, Anthony Quinn, David Corcoran, Patricia Bowen, Moira Gilsean, Mary Bostock, Winifred Cross, Henry Turriff, Leslie McGovern, John Bilston, Mary Gibbons, Joseph Caffrey, Anthony Chedotal, Anthony Clarke, Robert Polke, Stuart Jones, Keith Morris, Spencer Prendergast, Kathleen Wilson, Peter Tracey, James Mooney.



Fr John & Fr David (and, of course, Fr Dougal), Wish you all every blessing for Christmas May the peace of the Christ Child reign in your hearts

