



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

| Holy Mass  | Intention                  |
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| <i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>                   |                            |
| <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>                             | Linda Burkett              |
| SUNDAY   |                            |
| <b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>                              | Bert & Rita Duffy RIP      |
| <b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>                           | Brendan McCartney & Family |
| <i>Weekday Masses</i>                                |                            |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>                        |                            |
| 9:30am Holy Mass                                     | Joseph Whitehouse          |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>                       |                            |
| 9:00am Novena & Rosary                               |                            |
| 9:30am Holy Mass                                     | Fr David Hartley           |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>                     |                            |
| 9:30am Holy Mass                                     | Cunningham Family Ints     |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>                      |                            |
| 10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School           |                            |
| 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration                         |                            |
| 6:00pm Holy Mass                                     | Henry Gallagher            |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>                        |                            |
| 11:00am Requiem Mass                                 | Brendan McCartney          |
| <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday</b> |                            |
| ----   | NO Morning Mass            |

## THE VII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>   | Pro Populo                              |
| SUNDAY 19 <sup>th</sup>    |   |
| <b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>    | Praying for Fruit of Womb & God's Grace |
| <b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b> | Ralph, Anne O'Malley & Family           |

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions - 4:45pm – 5:15pm

**Rosary** Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

**Divine Mercy** - During Adoration on Fridays



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We may have asked ourselves, at one time or another, how we can correspond to the greatness of God's love. We may have wanted to see a program for Christian living clearly explained. The answer is easy, and it is within reach of all the faithful: to participate lovingly in the Holy Mass, to learn to deepen our personal relationship with God in the sacrifice that summarises all that Christ asks of us.

*Saint Josemaria Escriva*

**Please support our times of Eucharistic Adoration. It is very clear that the parish communities that adore the Lord Jesus are the ones that grow and flourish.**

### SAINT THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

**From Paul Collins-Smith the CSEL of Lumen Christi**

I am writing to confirm that after a full and rigorous selection process, the appointing panel, which included representation from the Diocese, the Lumen Christi Board, Lumen Christi CSEL and St Thomas More SSC, are pleased to announce that Mark McLoughlin has been successful in his application for the post of Principal at St Thomas More Primary school. He will be starting in the summer term at a date yet to be determined.

Kind Regards and Blessings,

**Paul Collins-Smith**

### LOURDES

**Lourdes 2023 pilgrimage - Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June**

Pilgrimage bookings are now open.

Official Diocesan Pilgrims:

To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish, you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel via our tour operator Tangney Tours.

Contact:

Kath White: 0121 230 6288 (office hours 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday) or via email [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk)



### Syria-Turkey earthquake: What has happened?

In the early hours of Monday 6 February 2023, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck near Turkey's border with northern Syria.

The scale of the devastation remains unclear. But we know that the earthquake has already killed more than 11,000 people, injured hundreds more and destroyed thousands of homes and buildings.

After the earthquake, 42 aftershocks occurred with the largest of a 6.6 magnitude. Millions of people across Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus and Israel felt the earthquake.

To get support to our partners already responding, CAFOD has launched an appeal for the earthquake.

You can make a donation on the website.

**More information – [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)**

### Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Canon Garry Byrne, Fr Anthony de Vere,  
Cardinal George Pell, Mary Elizabeth Gould,  
Sean Weldon,

Brendan McCartney – Requiem Mass  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 11:00am

Michael Mullen – Reception  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 5:00pm  
Requiem Mass 28<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm

### CANON GARRY BYRNE - RIP

Reception and Mass at Saint Joseph's Bidford-on-Avon  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm. Requiem Mass at Christ  
the Kind Coventry Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 12noon.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in  
memory of Brendan McCartney & the McGrory Family.

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

### WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

05.02.23 – Gift Aid £135.51. Non-Gift Aid: £457.74  
Total £593.25

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Racial Justice - £234.12

**This Weekend** – Church & Parish Centre Heating

**Next Weekend** – Syria-Turkey earthquake

**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

#### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Masses 9:30am & 6:00pm

#### MARCH

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Saint Andrew's School – First Confessions 6:00pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas More School – First Confessions 10:30am

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above **not at our Catholic Schools** who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion there is a Instruction Class in Church on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm**. Please also if you wish to have your child who is year 6 or above Confirmed please attend this meeting. Thank you.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

### THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

When you ask the Church for the Sacraments, don't hold it against the Church when the Church asks you to live the sacramental life. For the Church isn't rejecting you but in fact respecting you, offering you what your soul really wants, really needs—a real shot at holiness.

### MARRIAGE CARE – Volunteers Needed!

Catholic Marriage Care are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators in the Birmingham Team to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples. If you are interested, please contact Christina - [Birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:Birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org). Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Led by Mgr Daniel McHugh. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

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**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE**  
**JACKPOT £600**  
Result for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
**Winning Numbers 02-13-14-19**  
**No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 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+