



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE VII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	
<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

### *Weekday Masses*

#### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass Patrick Donnelly RIP

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Novena & Rosary

9:30am Holy Mass Jimmy Jordan

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

##### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:30am Holy Mass Catherine & Thomas Larkin

6:00pm Holy Mass Pro Populo

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Alex Knight RIP

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass Sadie Bennett RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Private Intention

**6:30pm Stations of the Cross**

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Holy Mass Michael Mullen

### **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Alice Simon & Santhamma Abraham

#### **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am Holy Mass** Patrick & Mary Conway RIP

**11:00am Solemn Mass** Patricia & Thomas Diver RIP

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Fridays 10:00am – 10:30am

Saturday 4:45pm – 5:15pm

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

**Divine Mercy** - During Adoration on Fridays



The sacred season of Lent, called the Great Fast by our eastern Catholic brethren, was instituted by the Apostles themselves.

The forty days' fast, which we call Lent, is the Church's preparation for Easter, and was instituted at the very commencement of Christianity. Our blessed Lord Himself sanctioned it by fasting forty days and forty nights in the desert; and though He would not impose it on the world by an express commandment (which, in that case, could not have been open to the power of dispensation), yet He showed plainly enough, by His own example, that fasting, which God had so frequently ordered in the old Law, was to be also practiced by the children of the new...The apostles, therefore, legislated for our weakness, by instituting, at the very commencement of the Christian Church, that the solemnity of Easter should be preceded by a universal fast; and it was only natural that they should have made this period of penance to consist of forty days, seeing that our divine Master had consecrated that number by His own fast.

Lent, founded upon the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is the primary season of penance in the year and must be observed with the greatest strictness for the love of God who instituted this season for our healing.

May the restoration in our own lives this Lent of increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be for the glory of God and the glory of Christendom.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays at 6:30pm**

The Stations of the Cross; which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in parishes. This is especially during Lent and the preparation for Easter. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way); or simply the Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross.

This devotion has evolved over time. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year AD 313, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the latter part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims; from various countries who visited these holy places and followed the Way of the Cross.



**CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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

- Canon Garry Byrne, Brendan McCartney, Christopher Hughes – Funeral at Yardley Crematorium Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:15pm
- 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 for the intentions of Patrick O'Sullivan and Regina Macklin.

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

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

12.02.23 – Gift Aid £119.10. Non-Gift Aid: £423.76  
Total £542.86

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- Church & Parish Centre Heating - £246.84**
- This Weekend – Syria-Turkey earthquake**
- Next Weekend – Pro-Life**

**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

**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
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Mass 9:30am
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of the Annunciation – Mass 10:00am

**APRIL**

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

- Maudy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
- Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm
- Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Day
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

**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.

**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).

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE**  
**JACKPOT £600**  
 Result for 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
**Winning Numbers 07-18-21-19**  
**No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 22<sup>nd</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+