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THE V SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th February 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Mary Hanratty RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Pro Populo
11:00am Solemn Mass	Cardinal George Pell
12noon Holy Baptism	
12:45pm Holy Baptism	

Weekday Masses

Monday 6th Saint Paul Miki & Companions

9:30am Holy Mass William O'Donnell - RIP

Tuesday 7th

9:00am Novena & Rosary

9:30am Holy Mass Mary Leighton

Wednesday 8th

9:30am Holy Mass Paddy Jordan RIP Anniv.

Thursday 9th

10:00am Mass at Saint Andrew's School

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Barbara Prunty Ints.

Friday 10th Saint Scholastica

9:30am Holy Mass Joe O'Shea RIP Anniv

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

11:00am Holy Mass The Sick & Housebound

With Anointing of the Sick

Please note the change of time

Next Sunday 12th THE VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm Vigil Mass Linda Burkett

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Bert & Rita Duffy RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass Brendan McCartney & Family

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 10:00am – 10:30am

Saturday 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays

SEPTUAGESIMA – Preparation for Lent

Just as Lent recalls the forty years that the Hebrews spent in the wilderness, Septuagesima recalls the seventy years of the Babylonian Exile, when the Chosen People were so homesick that they could not sing a song of Zion.

Septuagesima and Lent are sober reminders of our status as wayfarers living east of Eden, "justly afflicted for our sins" in a valley of tears. That hope, which is an echo of Psalms is present at every Mass in the *Suscipiat*, when the faithful pray that God will accept this Eucharistic sacrifice for the praise and glory of His name. Septuagesima is a time we have lost but it is good for our spiritual well-being to start to think about how to prepare for the holy season of Lent.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



Saturday 11th Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is:

"All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together"

It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation'.

**God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in each person.
As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism
lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

WELCOME

Today the children from **Saint Andrew's School** are at the 11:00am Solemn Mass making their commitment with their families to prepare well for their Confirmation in the Summer. Please pray for them all that they will grow closer and be more faithful to the Lord Jesus and day by day love Him more and more.

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

Brendan McCartney – Requiem Mass

Friday 17th February 11:00am

Michael Mullen – Reception

Monday 27th February 5:00pm

Requiem Mass 28th 12:30pm

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Patrick O' Sullivan and Mary & John Doody.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

29.1.23 – Gift Aid £119.92. Non-Gift Aid: £419.67
Total £539.59

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Racial Justice.

Next Weekend – Church & Parish Centre Heating repairs

PIETY SHOP

Please come and have a browse. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

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

PARISH DIARY

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th

Saint Andrew's School Confirmation
Commitment at the 11:00am Mass

Saturday 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

Wednesday 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Masses: 9:30am & 6:00pm

MARCH

Wednesday 1st

Saint Andrew's School – First Confessions 6:00pm

Wednesday 8th

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 an Instruction Class in Church on **Tuesday 7th 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 14th 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. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 1st February
Winning Numbers 11-13-22-05
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 8th 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+