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THE XV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16th July 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

John Madden RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Steve Simon Ints

11:00am Solemn Mass

Daniel O'Donnell RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 17th

9:30am Holy Mass

Staff & Children

Saint Thomas More School End of Year Mass

5:00pm Reception

Lorraine Roe

Tuesday 18th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School

11:30am Requiem Mass Lorraine Roe

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Mary, Pdraig & Paddy
Folan RIP

Wednesday 19th

---- NO Mass

5:00pm Reception

Martin Meehan

Thursday 20th

12noon Requiem Mass

Martin Meehan

Friday 21st

---- NO Mass

Saturday 22nd Saint Mary Magdalene

---- NO Morning Mass

THE XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Betty & Michael McDonald

SUNDAY 23rd

9:00am Holy Mass

Eileen Richardson RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Margaret McGrory
RIP Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

While Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the patron saint of the Carmelite Order, the basis for the universal Church honouring Mary under this title dates to her appearance to an English Carmelite St. Simon Stock in the 13th century. She gave him the Brown Scapular, a garment worn by religious over the neck and shoulders as an apron, to be worn by Carmelites "as a sign of her protection." It is a Marian devotional practice which, over the centuries, has spread to Catholics around the world.

What is the story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel?

Mount Carmel has been a place of prayer and closeness to God since the time of the prophet Elijah in the 10th century before Christ (cf. 1 Kings 18:41ff). There, also, Christian hermits persisted in prayer. And there, in the 12th century, the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel were officially founded.

The 13th century, however, was a time of persecution for the Carmelites, and, in the midst of this trial, on July 16, 1251 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Prior of the Carmelites, giving him the Brown Scapular. She said to him, "This is a privilege for you and the order: whoever dies wearing the Scapular will be saved."

The wearing by others of a miniature version of the Carmelite Scapular, known simply as "the Brown Scapular" from the colour of their habit, has come to mean being joined spiritually with them in accepting the Blessed Mother's love, devoting oneself to the spirituality of the Carmelites, and trusting that Our Lady will protect them in life and at their death.

BISHOP STEPHEN WRIGHT



Bishop Stephen will be Installed as the new Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle this Wednesday. Please pray for him.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

- Anthony Mahon, Patrick O’Sullivan, George Northey
Lorrain Roe Reception 17th July 5:00pm
Requiem 18th July 11:30am
- Martin Meehan Reception 19th July 5:00pm
Requiem 20th July 12noon
- John White Reception 26th 6:00pm
Requiem 27th 10:00am
- Michael Slattery Requiem 1st August 11:00am
- Katie Comerford Reception 3rd August 5:00pm
Requiem 4th August 11:00am
- Michele Madden (nee Doody)
Reception into Our Lady of Lourdes, 2nd August 7:00pm
Requiem 3rd August 12 noon

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Berni McGrory

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

09.07.23 - Gift Aid: £108.86 Non-Gift Aid: £400.83
Total: £509.69

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Apostleship of the Sea - £224.89

This Weekend – Retiring collection for priests training fund.

Next Weekend – Missio - APF Mill Hill Appeal.

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

AUGUST

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holyday of Obligation

Monday 14th Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Tuesday 15th Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

THE PASTORAL YEAR

The school summer holidays see a natural break in some of the work of the parish and in some ways marks an end to the Pastoral Year. August can be a very good time of quiet prayer and reflection as the daily round of Masses continue to take place.

Please pray for the teachers and children of our schools as they begin their summer holidays, after a very busy academic year with some significant changes in both schools. Mr McLoughlin is the new Principal of Saint Thomas More and Mr Flaherty is the new Executive Principal of Saint Andrew’s.

I hope everyone has a good and restful summer holiday.

With my prayers.

Fr Christopher

MARCH FOR LIFE

London UK March for Life Saturday 2nd Sept 2023. Day return coach trip. Pick-up 7.30am at Birmingham Oratory, St Dunstan’s Kings Heath 7.45am, St Augustine’s Solihull 8.00am, leaving London 5pm. £25 pp (reduced rates for children) payable on booking for confirmed seat, with mobile number/email address for acknowledgement.

Contact Alice for Oratory pick-up on 07845 706362 and Brian for St Augustine’s/St Dunstan’s pick-up on 07726 311261.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

Dear friends we invite you to our exciting Summer Fayre in aid of our Building Project - on **Sunday 16th July 11.30 -2.30pm.**

All the usual fun – Bottle, Gift & Children’s Tombolas, ordinary Raffle & Music by our favourite DJ Roger,

Plus - Grand Raffle (£5 per ticket) with amazing prizes: £100 cash prize, a signed England Shirt from footballing star Jack Grealish, £50 cash prize and much more!

BBQ, Cake Sale, Samosas and Auction. You just don’t want to miss the fun... Looking forward to seeing you!

ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
 Result for 10th July 2023
Winning Numbers 03-11-17-19
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Monday 17th July 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+