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THE XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23rd July 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Betty & Michael McDonald
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Eileen Richardson RIP Anniv
11:00am Solemn Mass	Margaret McGrory RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 24th

---- NO Mass

Tuesday 25th Saint James, Apostle

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 26th Saint Joachim & Saint Anne

---- NO Mass

6:00pm Reception John White

Thursday 27th

10:00am Requiem Mass John White

Friday 28th

---- NO Mass

Saturday 29th

---- NO Morning Mass

THE XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Edel McLoughlin

SUNDAY 30th

9:00am Holy Mass Manuel Simons

11:00am Solemn Mass Rita & Paul Somerville RIP

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



Saint Joachim & Saint Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joachim and Anne. It was in their home that the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the mother of God. They are an image for us of all those Jewish patriarchs who raised up families in the centuries before Jesus came. All those people who, as Sirach says, “were men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten.” All those people who, as Jesus told his disciples, “Longed to see what you see and did not see it.”

Joachim and Anne are to be praised in the first place because it was they who passed on the faith and the law to Mary which they had received from their parents. It is so important that children are taught the faith, not as a mere intellectual idea but in practice. Those parents who say that they will let their children decide about religion when they are grown are making a grave mistake. Childhood is the time when our minds are formed, and a mind formed without piety is a defective mind. Joachim and Anne instilled in Mary a faith that was able to easily accept the word of an Angel.

We remember Joachim and Anne because they were good parents. They never worked a miracle, so far as we know, at least not the kind that amazes crowds. They never preached the Gospel like Peter and Paul. They were good parents, and that is enough to be a saint.

THIRD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Church is preparing to celebrate the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 23 July, announced the Vatican’s Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus’ grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they “are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young.”

‘His mercy is from age to age’



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, Martin Meehan

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 for the intentions of Ena Comerford & Pauline Dunne.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

16.07.23 - Gift Aid: £105.00 Non-Gift Aid: £454.95
Total: £559.95

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Priests Training Fund - £264.78

This Weekend – Missio - APF Mill Hill Appeal.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. She can be contacted at: sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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



WELCOME

Father Kevin Hughes is here this weekend to celebrate the Masses and to speak about the work that Missio undertakes for the Gospel.

Proud to be the Pope’s charity for world mission

Missio ignites God’s love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.

In every country where the Catholic Church is present, there is a Missio. Each Missio is headed by a National Director, who is appointed by the Holy Father.

Fr Anthony Chantry is the National Director of Missio in England and Wales.

Pray with Pope Francis

Each month the Pope asks us to pray for a particular intention. Join us and the global Church family to pray with the Holy Father for his particular intentions.

ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 18th July 2023
Winning Numbers 01-05-16-17
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 26th July, 10:00
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+