



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE XIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Leo Kidd RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Ann & Des O'Rourke RIP
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	Gerard O'Malley RIP
12noon Holy Baptism	
12:45pm Holy Baptism	

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Thomas, Apostle

9:30am Holy Mass Bridie Cassidy

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass Nancy, Mick & Kevin  
Melody RIP

7:00pm Confirmation Mass  
Saint Andrew's School & those not in  
Catholic Schools

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass Demetri Sofroniou

7:00pm Confirmation Mass  
Saint Thomas More School

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Maria Goretti

9:30am Holy Mass Olive Fallon RIP

10:00am – 11:00am  
Eucharistic Adoration

5:00pm Reception Anthony Mahon

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday

11:00am Requiem Mass Anthony Mahon

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass John Deery Ints

**Please note the change of times Thursday & Friday**

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass Achamma Xavier

12noon Holy Baptism

## THE XIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Pro Populo

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am Holy Mass** Peter Kilroy RIP Anniv.

**11:00am Solemn Mass** Like Minded Ladies

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

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

**Divine Mercy** - After the morning Mass on Fridays



### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

“In our catechesis on the sacrament of Confirmation, we have seen that it is a further spiritual anointing that completes the grace of Baptism and leads to the Eucharist. The rite of Confirmation recalls and renews the promises made at Baptism and invokes a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus received the outpouring of the Spirit at his baptism in order to carry out his messianic mission, the Church prays that we too may receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that enable us to help the Body of Christ grow in unity and missionary zeal. The gift of the Spirit is communicated through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism. Saint Paul sheds lights on the meaning of these sacramental signs when he says that “God... has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts” (2 Cor 1:21-22). Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we are configured more closely to Christ and strengthened to bear witness to him in our world. May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new.”

**Pope Francis**

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Keeping the devotion. The Church grants a Plenary indulgence to those who attend Mass and receive Communion in honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month for nine (9) consecutive months.

### Eucharistic Adoration on First Friday – 5:00pm – 6:00pm

*Prayer of Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament.*

Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God, Whom I believe to be really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, receive this most profound act of adoration to supply for the desire I have to adore Thee unceasingly, and in thanksgiving for the sentiments of love which Thy sacred Heart has for me in this sacrament. I cannot better acknowledge them than by offering Thee all the acts of adoration, resignation, patience, and love which this same Heart has made during its mortal life, and which it makes still and which it shall make eternally in heaven, in order that through it I may love Thee, praise Thee, and adore Thee worthily as much as it is possible for me. I unite myself to this divine offering which Thou dost make to Thy divine Father, and I consecrate to Thee my whole being, praying Thee to destroy in me all sin and not to permit that I should be separated from Thee eternally. Amen.



**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**

- Douglas Woodford, Patrick Flynn, Jozef Lisowski
- Julia Barron, Ogiesoba Eweka, Daniel O’Donnell,
- Patrick Butler      Funeral Service 3<sup>rd</sup> July 12:30pm  
Robin Hood Crematorium
- Anthony Mahon      Reception 6<sup>th</sup> July 5:00pm  
Requiem 7<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am
- Patrick O’Sullivan      Reception 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:45pm  
Requiem 12<sup>th</sup> July 11:30am
- George Northey      Reception 12<sup>th</sup> July 5:00pm  
Requiem 13<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am
- Martin Meehan      Reception 19<sup>th</sup> July 5:00pm  
Requiem 20<sup>th</sup> July 12noon
- Katie Comerford      Reception 3<sup>rd</sup> August 5:00pm  
Requiem 4<sup>th</sup> August 11:00am

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in memory of Tony Mahon.

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

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

25.06.23 - Gift Aid: £144.66. Non-Gift Aid: £480.83  
Total: £625.43

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Priests Training Fund.- £312.80**

**This Weekend – Peter’s Pence**

**Next Weekend – Apostleship of the Sea**

**GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS**

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

**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**

**JULY**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>      Confirmation Mass 7:00pm – Saint Andrew’s School & those not in Catholic schools
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>      Confirmation Mass 7:00pm – Saint Thomas More School
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>      Archdiocese Vision – Parish Meeting 7:00pm in Church

**AUGUST**

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

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>      Vigil Mass 6:00pm
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>      Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

**ARCHBISHOP IISLEY**

After 32 years of distinguished service at Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School, Mr Brendan Bloomer will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We will be celebrating the career of Brendan and thanking him for his immense contribution to Catholic education by offering a special Mass at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church on Wednesday 12th July at 7.00pm. If you know Brendan and would like to show your appreciation, you are very welcome to join us.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SUMMER FAYRE**

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

All the usual fun – Bottle, Gift & Children’s Tombola’s, 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
**Winning Numbers 09-05-23-03**  
**No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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+