



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Edel McLoughlin
SUNDAY	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Manuel Simons
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	Rita & Paul Somerville RIP

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Saint Ignatius of Loyola

9:30am Holy Mass P.J. Mathew

### AUGUST

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Saint Alphonsus de'Liguori

11:00am Requiem Mass Michael Slattery  
 5:30pm Rosary & Novena  
 6:00pm Holy Mass Orestes & Dolores Ianni & Maria Rosa Starke RIP

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Saint Peter Julian Eymard

##### The Portiuncula in Assisi

9:30am Holy Mass Andrew Barrett RIP  
 10:00am – 11:00am  
 Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass Margaret & Cathal McGrory  
 RIP Anniv  
 5:00pm Reception Katie Comerford

*Please note the change of times Thursday & Friday*

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Saint John Vianney

11:00am Requiem Mass Katie Comerford  
 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00pm Holy Mass Maura Dowling

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

10:00am Holy Mass Alice Simon & Santhamma Abraham  
 10:30am – 11:00am  
 Eucharistic Adoration  
 First Saturday Devotions  
 12noon Holy Baptism

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Earlis, Leniham & O'Dea Families

SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Holy Mass** Mary Quaid & Bob Sullivan RIP  
**11:00am Solemn Mass** John & Margaret Lyons  
 RIP Anniv



## THE PORTIUNCULA

The Portiuncula is the small Catholic church located within the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels in Assisi.

The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, under the usual conditions:- To be in a state of grace and to receive Holy Communion, to pray for the Pope's intentions and to visit a church and pray at least the Our Father and the Creed.

## SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

He once described himself as "a little like Jacob, always on a journey," always seeking. But, in truth, it was there from the beginning — the great love and the driving passion of his life: Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. One day, young Peter Julian, just five years of age, wandered off from the family home. His sister and half-sister searched frantically for the boy and finally located him in the parish church, standing on a stool close to the tabernacle of the high altar. In response to their anxious questioning, he answered simply, "I am here listening to Jesus." His life was a true journey to Christ in the Eucharist, a journey begun intuitively on that day when a small boy wandered away from his family home to go to church — to listen to Jesus in the tabernacle.

**There will be Eucharistic Adoration on his Feast Day.**

## WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON – 1<sup>st</sup>– 6<sup>th</sup> August

### Official WYD Prayer

Our Lady of the Visitation,  
 you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth,  
 lead us also to meet all those who await us  
 to deliver them the living Gospel:  
 Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord!  
 We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,  
 but with readiness and joy.  
 We will go peacefully because those who take Christ take peace,  
 and wellbeing is the best wellbeing.  
 Our Lady of the Visitation,  
 with your inspiration, this World Youth Day  
 will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.  
 Make it a time of testimony and sharing,  
 fraternization, and giving thanks,  
 each of us looking for the others who always wait.  
 With you, we will continue on this path of gathering,  
 so that our world will gather as well,  
 in fraternity, justice and peace.  
 Help us,  
 Our Lady of the Visitation,  
 to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!



**PARISH DIARY  
AUGUST**

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Vigil Mass 6:00pm  
Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST**

**For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 10:30am - 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

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

Anthony Mahon, Patrick O’Sullivan, George Northey  
Lorrain Roe, Martin Meehan  
Michael Slattery Requiem 1<sup>st</sup> August 11:00am  
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 Margaret McGrory

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

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

23.07.23 - Gift Aid: £183.00 Non-Gift Aid: £325.22  
Total: £508.22

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Missio - APF Mill Hill - £332.85**

**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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)



The Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham working at the Catholic Bishops’ Conference, has been nominated by the Holy Father as an adviser at the Synod this October.

Fr Jan has recently completed his doctorate in synodality and the local Church.

He has been appointed a non-bishop member of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will convene from 4-29 October in Rome.

This is the first of two Synodal gatherings – the second will take place in 2024. The overall theme is *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*.

**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.

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE**  
**JACKPOT £600**  
Result for 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
**Winning Numbers 14-21-03-12**  
**No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 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+