



## SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### Holy Mass

#### Intention

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Rita Mottram RIP

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

Mary & John McGrath RIP

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

James Love RIP Anniv

12noon Holy Baptism

#### *Weekday Masses*

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass Tom Special Intention

1:15pm Confessions – Confirmandi

Saint Thomas More School

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Saint Alban**

9:00am Novena & Rosary

9:30am Holy Mass Anna Tasker

10:45am Confessions – Confirmandi

Saint Andrew's School

6:00pm Reception Jozef Lisowski

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Aloysius**

11:00am Requiem Mass Jozef Lisowski

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> THE FEAST OF SAINT JOHN FISHER & SAINT THOMAS MORE**

9:30am Holy Mass Catherine Lynch

11:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Winifred & Eddie Toolan RIP

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass Douglas Woodford RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**11:00am Holy Mass** The Sick & Housebound

**With Anointing of the Sick**

*Please note the change of time*

#### **THE EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF SAINT THOMAS MORE**

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Michael Earlis RIP

SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Holy Mass**

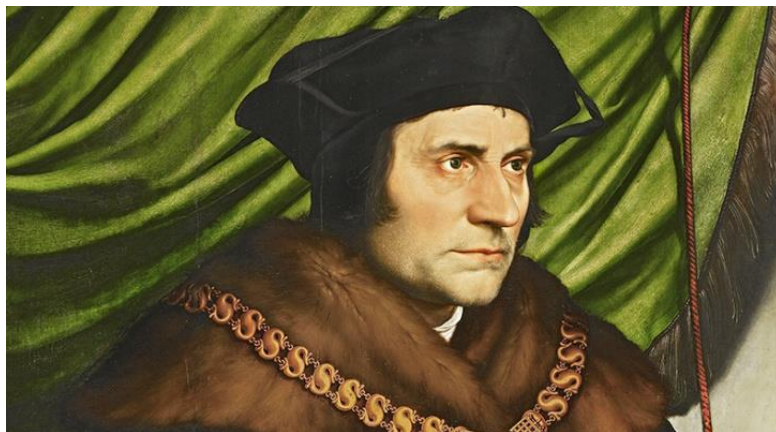
Alice Simon &  
Santhamma Abraham

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

Danny Bennett &  
Aston Brown RIP Anniv.

#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm



#### **SAINT THOMAS MORE**

"The king's good servant, but God's first." His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Saint Thomas More his life. Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the Pope as head.

#### **DAY FOR LIFE - SUNDAY**

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 18 June. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day.

The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

#### **Day for Life Message**

"By hearing other people share their stories and being gently encouraged by the team, I was able to speak the truth of what had happened to me on that day. My feelings were acknowledged, including my sense of loss."

*Jane*



**The Month of the Sacred Heart**, owing to the fact that the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during June.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE**

**For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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

- Douglas Woodford, Patrick Flynn, Martin Meehan.
- Jozef Lisowski - Reception 20<sup>th</sup> June 6:00pm  
Requiem 21<sup>st</sup> June 11:00am
- Julia Barron - Reception 26<sup>th</sup> June 6:00pm  
Requiem 27<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am
- Anthony Mahon - Reception 6<sup>th</sup> July 5:00pm  
Requiem 7<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am
- George Northey - Reception 10<sup>th</sup> July 5:00pm  
Requiem 11<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

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in memory of Jozef Lisowski.

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

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

11.06.23 - Gift Aid: £119.10. Non-Gift Aid: £426.77  
Total: £545.87

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**This Weekend** – Day for Life

**Next Weekend** – Retiring Collection for Priests Training Fund.

**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**

**JUNE**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick 11:00am  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> **The External Solemnity of Saint Thomas More**  
All Sunday Masses as usual

**The Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul  
Holy day of Obligation**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

**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 6:30pm in Church

**ACHIEVING OUR VISION TOGETHER**

Archbishop Bernard Longley has released a video inviting you, in our parishes, clusters and deaneries to reflect together on our great gift of faith, and as with the Synodal pathway, to meet and look to our future.

Archbishop Bernard asks us to look, within our parishes, clusters and deaneries, at how we can share our resources and to look at what we are called to do within:

- evangelisation
- formation
- liturgy and worship
- social outreach

He asks us how we can more effectively follow that pattern with the mandate given to us by the Lord Himself to be the church in any given place.

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Please make sure you have filled in the form giving information of all the people to whom you take Holy Communion. Forms in the Sacristy. Thank you.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE**  
**JACKPOT £600**  
Result for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
**Numbers will be published in the porch**  
**Next Draw Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 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+