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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 12th March 2023

| Holy Mass | Intention |
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| <i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i> | |
| 5:30pm Vigil Mass | Richard Lambe & Deceased Lambe Family |
| SUNDAY | |
| 9:00am Holy Mass | Tony & Kevin Gately RIP |
| 11:00am Solemn Mass | Joe O'Shea RIP Anniv |
| 12noon Holy Baptism | |
| <i>Weekday Masses</i> | |
| Monday 13th | |
| 9:30am Holy Mass | Michael Mullen RIP |
| Tuesday 14th | |
| 4:00pm | First Holy Communion & Confirmation Class For those not in Catholic Schools – in Church |
| 5:30pm | Novena & Rosary |
| 6:00pm | Holy Mass Gerard King RIP |
| Wednesday 15th | |
| 9:30am Holy Mass | Newman, Dalton & Bishop Family RIP |
| 10:30am – 12noon | Saint Thomas More School Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Thursday 16th | |
| 9:30am Holy Mass | John McDonagh |
| 10:00am – 11:00am | Eucharistic Adoration |
| | <i>Please note the change of time</i> |
| Friday 17th Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland | |
| 9:30am Holy Mass | Josie Branigan RIP |
| 10:00am – 11:00am | Eucharistic Adoration |
| 6:00pm Holy Mass | Manuel Simon Ints |
| 6:30pm Stations of the Cross | |
| Saturday 18th | |
| 10:00am Holy Mass | Juliet Czech RIP |

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30pm Vigil Mass Rita Mottram RIP

SUNDAY 19th

9:00am Holy Mass Iris Salt RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass Tony Evans RIP

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 - During Adoration on Fridays



WAYS TO PRAY DURING LENT

PRAY THE NIGHT PRAYER FROM LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours is a really peaceful way to end my day. Some people feel like the Liturgy of the Hours is too “old fashioned” to use with teens and children, but many can appreciate it.

PRAY FOR SOMEBODY WHO HAS HURT YOU

This is especially powerful if you are still harbouring some resentment. Pray from your heart, but if you are having trouble getting started, try this prayer.

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Why should we pray for more vocations? It is no secret that we need more priests in the Catholic Church. Giving your whole life to the service of the Church is counter-cultural and many young people do not even consider it. Or they do not think they are “worthy” of the priesthood. But God calls us all to a specific vocation. So we should pray that those being called to the priesthood will hear and answer that call.

PRAY AT BEDTIME FOR THOSE SLEEPING ON THE STREET

Before you climb into your bed, pray for those who don't have a bed. There are homeless in every city who sleep out in the elements. Say a bedtime prayer for those sleeping on the street.

POPE FRANCIS

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration.

DEANERY CLUSTERS

In the new Deanery of Birmingham East & North the plan for the future is for us to work together in clusters or hubs so that we can help each other to a far greater extent.

We are going to be with:

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Acocks Green

Olton Friary

Saint Ambrose Barlow Hall Green.



ALTAR SERVERS – for Easter

Maundy Thursday 6th
 Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
 Good Friday 7th
 The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm
 Holy Saturday 8th
 Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm
 Easter Sunday 9:00am
 Solemn Mass of the Resurrection 11:00am
 If you have been a sever or would like to become one please sign the list in the Sacristy and let us know if you can help at Easter. Thank you.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Canon Garry Byrne, Brendan McCartney,
 Christopher Hughes, Michael Mullen, Gerard King
 John Joseph McDonagh –
 Requiem Mass 20th March 12noon
 Michael Kerrigan –
 Reception 21st March 6:30pm
 Requiem 22nd March 10:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Michael & Maura Flannery.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

05.03.23 – Gift Aid: £98.75 Non-Gift Aid: 365.44
 Total £464.19

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Cathedral Maintenance
Next Weekend – Cafod – Lent Family Fast

PIETY SHOP

St Patrick’s Day Cards, Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

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

MARCH

Monday 20th The Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Mass 9:30am
 Saturday 25th The Solemnity of the Annunciation – Mass 10:00am

APRIL

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 6th
 Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
Good Friday 7th
 The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm
Holy Saturday 8th
 Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm
Sunday 9th
Easter Day
 Sunday 16th Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 14th March**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above **not at our Catholic Schools** who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion there is a Instruction Class in Church on **Tuesday 14th March at 4:00pm**. Please also if you wish to have your child who is year 6 or above Confirmed please attend this meeting. Thank you. This is following on from last weeks class.

LOURDES

Lourdes 2023 pilgrimage - Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June
 Pilgrimage bookings are now open.
 Official Diocesan Pilgrims:
 To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish, you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel via our tour operator Tangney Tours.
 Contact:
 Kath White: 0121 230 6288 (office hours 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday) or via email admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoon Tea, organised by the Like Minded Ladies.
 Sunday 23rd April at 3:00pm in Saint Thomas More Church Hall.
 All proceeds to the Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal.
 There will be a list at the back of Church for anyone who wants to donate gifts / prizes for the raffle.
 Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from the 11th March onwards. It will be ‘First come, first served’.

ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
 Result for 8th March 2023
Winning Numbers 01-11-03-21
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 15th March 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+