



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 26th March 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Veronica Connolly
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	St Sto Nino Blessings Received
11:00am Solemn Mass	Eileen McGill & Catherine Reddy

Weekday Masses

Monday 27th

9:30am Holy Mass Clifford Family Ints

Tuesday 28th

5:30pm Novena & Rosary

6:00pm Holy Mass Sebastien Joseph RIP

6:30pm Lent Penitential Service

Wednesday 29th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School

---- NO Mass in Church

Thursday 30th

1:30pm Stations of the Cross (in Church)

Saint Thomas More School

---- NO Adoration in the Evening

6:00pm Holy Mass Kate Madia

Friday 31st

9:30am Holy Mass Private Intention

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Rafferty Family RIP

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

APRIL

Saturday 1st

10:00am Holy Mass Carmel & Thomas Smith

10:30am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration &

First Saturday Devotions

12noon Holy Baptism

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:30pm Vigil Mass Andrew & David O'Gorman

SUNDAY 2nd

9:00am Holy Mass Joe Evans RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass Edmond Boland 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



PASSIONTIDE

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.

For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy became more sombre and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.

The most obvious example of a more sombre mood was the veiling of statues and images. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK – THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection are the most sacred moments of the Christian year. Please try to come to celebrate all of these sacred moments. God bless you.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This will take place on **Tuesday 28th at 6:30pm** after the evening Mass. There will be a number of other priests to hear confessions. Being reconciled to the Lord for the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum in a state of grace is so very important.

MRS KATE MADIA – SAINT THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The Mass on Thursday of this week is the farewell Mass for Mrs Madia as she leaves Saint Thomas More at the end of this spring term. All are invited to the Mass to pray for Kate and wish her well in her future. Also we give thanks and say thank you to her for all her good work in the school and how she has helped the school in so many ways. The school is now very good in so many ways and it's thanks to her hard work and dedication to Catholic education.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS

"With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential"

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Michael Mullen, Gerard King, Michael Simons
John McDonagh, Michael Kerrigan
Johnny Askin –

Reception 17th April 5:00pm

Requiem 18th April 10:30am

Michael Simons

Requiem 13th April 11:00am

At Holy Family, Small Heath

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of M.Arrowsmith and Maria Macklin

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

19.03.23 – Gift Aid: £111.85 Non-Gift Aid: £454.94
Total £566.79

Gift Aid and Planned Giving Envelopes are now ready for collection.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Cafod – Lent Family Fast - £339.90

This Weekend – Easter Flowers

Next Weekend – Retiring Priests Training Fund

PIETY SHOP

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.

CEILI CLASS

Adult Ceili class for some gentle exercise and a laugh starting at 7.45pm on Mondays from 27th March.

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

APRIL

Tuesday 28th Lent Penitential Service 6:30pm

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

Sunday 23rd

Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 10th & 11th of June.**

A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

ARCHDIOCESAN VISION – UNFOLDING GOD'S PLAN

A synodal process began in the Catholic Church in October 2021 and culminates in the Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. The overall theme is '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*'.

The Synod focuses on many of the same areas we are hoping to renew through the *Diocesan Vision*, and so we will use the outcomes of the Synodal process to continue to grow as a diocese that is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

Mission Statement

To support and mobilise all in the diocese to become true missionary disciples.

Vision Statement

We are called to be a Catholic diocese which is:
faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ
full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly
in vibrant communities of faith,
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ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 22nd March 2023
Winning Numbers 18-05-12-13
No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 29th 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+