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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26TH March 2017 – Year A

St. Andrew's Primary School & Nursery, Windrush Close, Solihull B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675.

Head teacher Mr. David Naughton

Assistant Priest: Fr. David Doran

Masses:

Sat

5.30pm John Rymkiewicz, RIP Anniv. Sat 8:30am Andrew & David O'Gorman, RIP Sun 10:30am Cath Larkin, RIP Funeral Mass, Walter Bien Mon 10:00am 7:00pm Nan Keating, RIP Anniv. Damien Queenan, RIP Tues 9:15am 7:00pm Deceased of the Rafferty Family Wed Patricia Fleming, RIP 10:00am 7:00pm Bridie Carr, RIP Anniv. People of the Parish (in church) Thur 9:15am

Sebastian Joseph, RIP Anniv 7:00pm Fri 8:30am Willie Cunningham, RIP 7:00pm

9:00am

Winnie McHugh, Sick Agostinho de Freitas, RIP

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat Connor Rhodes, RIP Anniv. 5:30pm Sun 8:30am Benny Harten, RIP Liam Byrne, RIP 10:30am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March Fri 31st. Meeting for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and readers, 7:45pm, upper room._Please attend, and help us with our planning of the Holy Week liturgies

April

Mon 10th. 7pm Holy Week Penitential Service Sun 16th. Easter Sunday Sun 23rd. Divine Mercy Devotions Sat 29th. 3rd Annual St Thomas More's Real Ale Festival, more details Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tues 7:00pm during Mass. **Rosary** is recited daily after Morning Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues 9:45 - 12:00noon. Fri 6:00-6:30pm, 1st Saturday Holy Hour 9:30-10:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tues 9am, Thurs 9am Sat 8:45am. Sacrament of Confession: Sat 9:30am-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm. Stations of the Cross, Fri 6:30pm

First Saturday Devotions Saturday 9:30am

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

Walter Bien (Anne Marie Howes Centre) Funeral Mass, Mon 27th March

John Heffernan (The Radleys), Reception Mon 3rd April 6:30pm, Funeral Mass Tues 4th April 11:15am.

Thomas Haynes (Boyne Rd) Funeral Mass, Wed 5th April, 11:00am. Lega Haswell (Horse Shoes Lane) Margaret Harding (formerly of Coniston

First Holy Communion Prep Group will commence on Sunday, April 2nd, 9:30am upper room, for any child in Yr3 or above at a non-Catholic school wanting to make their $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{st}}$ Holy Communion. Contact Fr John or Fr David

Congratulations to the 33 Children from our parish who were confirmed here last weekend. I am grateful to Bishop Robert for all his support. Thanks to everyone who prepared the children and helped make the celebrations so special.

Fully escorted 5 night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 24th April 2017. £649 per person sharing. Price includes flight from B'ham with 15kg checked in bag, taxes, transfers, half board, entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Limited single rooms £50 supp. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557. Please See Poster in the porch.

We welcome into the family of our parish Jonah Hennessy, Olivia & Chloe Hackney Who were baptized here last week.

Legacies - The diocese has made a new leaflet available to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. The leaflets are available in the porch. Please take one and consider whether you or someone you know would consider helping the Church in this way.

<u>There will be a talk on Baptism</u> On Wednesday, 29th March at 6:30pm in Church - All are welcome

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 19th March

Gift Aid £196.95 ~ Non-Gift Aid £710.68 **This Weekend** ~ Special collection for victims of the African and Middle Eastern Famine and Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund Next Weekend ~ An appeal by the Spiritans

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote

Jackpot £1,300

Result for 20/03/2017 05-14-15-16

Next draw Mon 27th Mar, 10am in presbytery

Thanks to all who supported the Good Shepherd Community from Bethlehem last weekend. Please do all you can to help Christians in the Holy Land.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 13th May 2017 Led by the Right Reverend Robert Byrne.

Information on poster in Porch. A coach is being organised, please sign sheet in the porch in you are interested in taking part in this pilgrimage

> Volunteers needed: Caretaker, Cleaner and Presenter/Facilitators

Marriage Care Birmingham need volunteers in a variety of roles: caretaker and cleaner for their premises, facilitators to run marriage preparation courses and "parish Advocates" to help promote Marriage Care within parishes. For more info, e-mail volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Prayer Sponsors for our First Holy Communicants

Thanks to all who have been willing to be prayer sponsors. There is a list of the children and their allocated sponsor in the porch. The school that each child is attending is also indicated. It will be possible for sponsors to meet the child they are sponsoring with his/her family at the following times:

St Thomas More's School Children Sat 25th March after the 5:30pm Mass.

St Andrew's School Children Sat 1st April after the 5:30pm Mass

The children will present a card for their sponsors at these Masses

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with "Aglow Pilgrimages". Departing 26th. November, spending 4 nights in a 4* hotel, half-board. Flights included from Birmingham. Early bird offer of £485 available until 01/05/2017.

To find out more visit aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima or call 0800 689 4792

Two Left Feet meet Every Monday evening in the Parish Centre. If you've got 2 left feet and a good sense of humour and you need to work off those pre-Lent Chocolates come and join us from 7:45 - 9:00pm.

Thursday Lunch Club (TLC) meet in the Parish Centre from 12:30pm. Lunches at excellent value available. All are welcome to come along for a cuppa, a chat & a game or 2 of bingo!

Lenten House Rosaries If you would like Fr John or Fr David to pray the Rosary in your home, please let them know. You might like to invite friends & family

Parish Societies:

SVP - Second Saturdays, 9:45am Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45pm Thursday Lunch Club Thurs, from 12:30pm Youth Group - Fri March 31st..., 7pm-8:30pm Choir Practice Thurs 9:45am Journey in Faith Monday Mar 27th., 7:30pm

Rotas for 2nd April;

Readers:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Cleaning: M.McGrory, C.Odilo

5:30pm Team E 8:30am Team A 5:30pm Team A 8:30am Team D Counting: C.Carr, V.Titmus, T.Perkins

10:30 am Team A 10:30 am Team C Refreshments after Sun 10:30 Mass. Please support! Proceeds to Acorns and SVP

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Cornelius McKay, Pam Firkins, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Joseph Fahy, Joseph Lockington, Sally Woodcock, Joan Morris, Charlie Fogarty, Montana Coughlan, Clara Bett, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Camron Cuddihy, Vera King, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Ettie Devine, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Fred Whitehouse, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Anne Cleary, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, John Bond, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Mary Morris, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly. Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Bernie O'Gorman, Rita Deehan, Nora Mills, Michael Ward, Ami Mucklow, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Margaret Casey, Jack Baker, Anne O'Meara, Danny Moore, Peter Bradford. Santhamma Abraham, Pamela Smith. Mary Cusack, Martha Burton, Mary Hill, Kathleen Widdop, Michael Ruane, Kathleen Biddles, Mary Meagan,

ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop Bright, Fr Donnelly, Fr McManus, Mgr Davis, Mgr Welch, Fr Cockburn, Canon Withers, Fr Sheridan, Fr Callaghan, Archbishop Williams, Deacon Zacaroli, Fr O'Reilly, Winifreda Pallett, Tassadet Hawkins, Michael Barron, Annie Keating, Gino de Giusti, Dora Parman, Eileen Chambers, Patrick Flanagan, Martin Rooney, Ellen Johnson, James Norton, William Nixon, Annie Bird, Maureen Mallinson, Elizabeth Northey, Rosina Higgins.