

<p><b>St. Thomas More Primary School</b> Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Head teacher Sr. Susan Collins.</p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">5<sup>TH</sup> March 2017 – Year A</h2>	<p><b>St. Andrew's Primary School &amp; Nursery,</b> Windrush Close, Solihull B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head teacher Mr. David Naughton</p>
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**Masses:**

<b>Sat</b>	5:30pm	Elizabeth McDonald, RIP
<b>Sun</b>	8:30am	Tony Gately, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Margaret McGettigan, RIP Anniv.
<b>Mon</b>	9:15am	John Reilly, RIP
	7:00pm	Mary Cusack, Ints
<b>Tues</b>	12:30pm	Funeral Mass, Sarah Burns
	7:00pm	Mary & Paddy McGill, RIP
<b>Wed</b>	9:00am	Natalie (Ints)
	7:00pm	Mary & Padraig Folan, RIP Anniv.
<b>Thur</b>	9:15am	People of the Parish (St Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Mary & Tony Finnegan, Wedding Anniv.
<b>Fri</b>	9:15am	Monica Fee & Family
	7:00pm	Bridie Reid, RIP
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Vera McDermott & Family

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:** Tues 7:00pm during Mass.  
**Rosary** is recited daily after Morning Mass.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Mon 9:45 - 12:00noon. Fri 6:00-6:30pm, Saturday 3:00-4:00pm (as part of the Lenten Day of prayer).  
**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon, Fri 9:00am. Sat 8:45am.  
**Sacrament of Confession:** Sat 9:30am-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.  
**Stations of the Cross,** Fri 6:30pm

**Recently Deceased:**  
**Sarah Burns** (Brays Rd). Reception, Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm, Funeral Mass Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 12:30pm,  
**Walter Bien** **May they rest in peace**

**Confirmation Preparation Group** Every Sunday 9:30am upper room.  
**First Holy Communion Prep Group** will commence on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am in the upper room. For any child in Yr3 or above at a non-Catholic school wanting to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. Please contact Fr John or Fr David

**Job Opportunities**  
There are details available in our porch for a KS2-3 Teacher of English and Maths and also a paid internship scheme (both) at St Peter's school and a school caretaker's position at Holy Family school.

**Mass Intentions for Next Weekend**

<b>Sat</b>	5:30pm	Elizabeth, Thomas & Catherine McKenna
<b>Sun</b>	8:30am	Anne Tremarco, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Michael Murphy, RIP

**CAFOD**  
Lent Fast Day is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to Stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 Tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<p><b>March</b> <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> Patrician Discussion Group: Topic: "Why did Jesus die on the Cross.?" 7:45pm, upper room <b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup>:</b> Meeting for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and readers, 7:45pm, upper room</p>	<p><b>April</b> <b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> 7pm Holy Week Penitential Service <b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup>:</b> Easter Sunday <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Divine Mercy Devotions <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup>:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St Thomas More's Real Ale Festival, more details soon!</p>
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**St Patrick's Day Celebration**  
Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Centre- from 12:00pm. Bacon and Cabbage Lunch, Plenty of Craic! **TICKETS ON SALE NOW! (£5)**

**Funeral Planning Awareness Day** Call in anytime between 9am and 5pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. March 2017 to Jonathan Walker Funeral Directors 286-288 Church Road, Sheldon.

**Second Saturday Convention** Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm  
Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way West Brom B70 7JW

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

**Mass with Anointing of the Sick,** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March., 10:30am, Please let Fr John or Fr David know if you would like transport so you can attend this Mass.

**Lent 2017 – The Walk with Me Booklets for Lent** are now available, £1 per copy, please take an extra copy, free of charge & pass on to a friend.  
**Tuesday Evening Mass** will be followed by prayer until 8:00pm.

**Dementia Prayer Week**  
12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. March. There are prayer cards available in the porch

We welcome into the family of our parish **Charlie Conway, Lexi-Rea O'Boyle, Niamh Davies & Elijah Lewis,** baptized here last week.

**Parish Lenten Day of Prayer – Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am - Coffee & Welcome ~ 10:15am - Rosary  
10:45am - Lectio Divina  
11:30am - DVD on the Fatima Message  
12:00noon - Talk on True Devotion to Jesus through Mary  
12:30pm - Lunch (Fish 'n' Chips can be ordered on request)  
1:30pm - Talk ~ 2:15pm - Stations of the Cross  
3:00-4:00pm - Holy Hour and Benediction

**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 and family

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**  
**26th February**  
Gift Aid £192.60 ~ Non-Gift Aid £441.74  
**This Weekend** ~ Cathedral Maintenance  
**Next Weekend** ~ Cafod (Lent family fast)

**Prayer Sponsors for our First Holy Communicants** please add your name to the list in the porch. Once we have enough sponsors, each child will be allocated one sponsor each. The sponsor is asked to keep the child in their prayers. There will be opportunity to meet the children during Lent.

**Bishop Robert Byrne** will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children from St Andrew's School at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Please pray for the confirmandi and their families

**St. Thomas More's Parish Tote**  
**Jackpot £1,150**  
Result for 28/02/2017  
**01-11-14-16**  
Next draw Mon 7th March  
After morning Mass in the presbytery



**Parish Societies:**  
**SVP** – Saturday, 9:45am  
**Legion of Mary** Thurs 7:45pm  
**Thursday Lunch Club** Thurs, from 12:30pm  
**Youth Group** – Fri March 9<sup>th</sup>., 7pm-8:30pm  
**Choir Practice** Wed 9:45am  
**Journey in Faith** Monday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>., 7:30pm

<b>Rotas for 12th March:</b>				Refreshments after Sun 10:30 Mass. Please support! Proceeds to Acorns and SVP
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> Team B	<b>8:30am</b> Team B	<b>10:30 am</b> Team E	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> Team B	<b>8:30am</b> Team A	<b>10:30 am</b> Team E	
<b>Cleaning:</b> I Buckley, S Smith,	<b>Brasses:</b> M. McGrory, A. Perkins	<b>Counting:</b> A. Aulton, A. Corkery, J. Crossan		

**SICK:** Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Cornelius McKay, Pam Firkins, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Kathleen 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 Tidswell, 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, Catherine Byrne, Martha Burton, Mary Hill, Kathleen Widdop, Michael Ruane, Kathleen Biddles, Mary Meagan,  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Pinkman, Fr Crookenden, Fr Luxon, Canon Allport, Fr Jarvis, Fr Fullerton, Fr Johnson, Deacon Rowe, Fr Purcell, Fr Sheppey-Greene, Fr Thornton, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jeremiah Moloney, Mary Evans, Patricia Perkins, Mary McHugh, Ellen O'Sullivan, Nora Newman, Margaret McGettigan, Teresa Simmons, Ursula Lamb, Hilda Faulkner, Veronica Reddy, Christine Lambert, Frederick Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Reilly, Eileen Deehan, Constance Alcock, William Moriarty, Matilda Henry, Sheila Dale, Anne Tremarco, Thomas Beck.