

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Holy Mass	Intention	
Saturday Evening	for Sunday	
5:30pm Vigil Ma	ss Rosely Sunny	
SUNDAY		
9:00am Holy Ma	ass Trevor Jones RIP	
11:00am Solemn	Mass Brendan McCartney RIP	
Saint Andrew's School		
First Holy Communions		

12:30pm Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Requiem Mass Ka

s Kathleen King & Geoffrey King

Tuesday 16th9:00amNovena & Rosary9:30amHoly MassMick O'Sullivan

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

---- NO Morning Mass

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holyday of Obligation

6:00pm Vigil Mass Paul McGough RIP **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am Holy Mass David Wojtanowski RIP 11:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm Holy Mass Pro Populo

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass John Joe McGrory RIP 10:00am – 11:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 20th

---- NO Morning Mass

 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

 12noon
 Vigil Mass - Saint Thomas More School

 First Holy Communions

 5:30pm
 Vigil Mass
 Alan Wilson RIP

SUNDAY 21st

9:00am Holy MassShelagh & Iris Fearon11:00am Solemn MassPro Populo

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions - 4:45pm – 5:15pm Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Our Lord's Ascension shows that He is the King and High Priest of all creation. There are powerful words in the Epistle to the Hebrews about Jesus' ongoing priestly ministry in Heaven, we read: "... because Jesus lives forever, in Heaven, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them"

Let us pray to stay close to Jesus our Saviour – Risen, Ascended and Glorified. Happy Ascension Day!

Fr Christopher

# THE HOLY ROSARY

#### The Rosary Helps us Grow in Holiness

After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the prayer most pleasing to Our Lady.

Why is it so pleasing to her? Because it brings us closer to Jesus.

That is the single most important reason we should pray the Holy Rosary: through it, we grow closer to Our Lord.

In fact, this spiritual growth is an "automatic" benefit of praying the Rosary: one cannot recite the Rosary without growing in holiness—at least in small ways. Over time, consistent recitation of the Rosary is a guaranteed way to become the saint God want you to be.

"If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. For even if you are now on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil...sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul. If—you say the Rosary devoutly every day of your life." *St. Louis de Montfort* 

# PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

The box on the Communion Rails by Our Lady is for your prayer intentions. If you wish prayers taken to Lourdes on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage at the end on May please fill in one of the prayer cards.



# alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

# **Recently Deceased** – *May they rest in peace* Kathleen King & Geoffrey King –

	Requiem 15 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00am
Anthony Staley –	Funeral Service at Robin Hood
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 11:30am
Michael 'Fran the	Man' Earlis –
	Reception 21 <sup>st</sup> May 6:00pm
	Requiem 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 12:30pm
	At Sacred Heart & Holy Souls
	Acocks Green
Patrick Flynn –	Reception 7 <sup>th</sup> June 5:00pm
	Requiem 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10:30am

Joseph Whitehouse, John Joe McGrory

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for Oliver Macklin & the Macklin Family.

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

#### WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

07.05.23 - Gift Aid: £148.40. Non-Gift Aid: £419.16 Total: £567.56

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

21.05.23 - Catholic Communications

#### 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.

**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 MAY

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation Vigil Mass 6:00pm Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am
JUNE	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Feast of Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More Masses 9:30am & 6:00pm
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	The External Solemnity of Saint Thomas More
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	The Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul Holy day of Obligation Vigil Mass 6:00pm Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

# THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

The weekends of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May the First Holy Communions of the children in the Parish schools will take place. Please pray for all the children and their families. The First Holy Communions for those not in Catholic schools will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of June.** A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

Please will all Ministers fill in a 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 11<sup>th</sup> July**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

**DID YOU KNOW** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latest campaigns

