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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 21st May 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Alan Wilson RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Shelagh & Iris Fearon
11:00am Solemn Mass	Pro Populo
Saint Andrew's School	
First Holy Communions	
12:30pm Holy Baptism	
1:15pm Holy Baptism	

Weekday Masses

Monday 22nd Saint Rita of Cascia

9:30am Holy Mass John Flemming

Tuesday 23rd

9:00am Novena & Rosary

9:30am Holy Mass Kathleen Mullins RIP

Wednesday 24th

9:30am Holy Mass Martin Brennan RIP

Thursday 25th Saint Bede the Venerable

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Bridget O'Brien

Friday 26th Saint Philp Neri

9:30am Holy Mass Jim Martyn RIP Anniv.

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 27th Saint Augustine of Canterbury

---- NO Morning Mass

12noon Holy Baptism

PENTECOST

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm SOLEMN VIGIL MASS

John Cahillane & Deceased
of the Finneran Family.

SUNDAY 28th

9:00am Holy Mass Liam & Bridie Evans RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass
Sheila Hadley &
Mina Hanson RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Paschalis solemnitatis ("On the Preparation and Celebration of the Paschal Feast"), the Congregation for Divine Worship urged that "encouragement should be given to the prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a vigil, whose character is not baptismal as in the Easter Vigil but one of urgent prayer, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who preserved together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit"

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.



SAINT RITA CASCIA

O Blessed Saint Rita, my powerful advocate, behold me prostrate before thy Divine Spouse, Jesus, thy Lord, thy God, and thy All. Behold me recalling His favours to thee, that thou mayst plead for me. May this blessed Rose, sweet with the memories of thy daily acts of love before the image of the Crucified Saviour, and of the wonders wrought for thee in thy dying moments, give me confidence that thou in Heaven wilt plead that I, too, may share in the good things God has in store for thy clients. Saint Rita, mystical Rose of every virtue, pray for us. There will be the traditional blessing of Rose Petals at Holy Mass on her Feast Day.

SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE

During his lifetime, the Venerable Bede rarely left his home monastery at Jarrow, yet the influence of this humble monk from Northumbria was felt throughout Europe and continues across the world today.

CANON GARRY BYRNE

In his will Fr Garry left £1000 to Saint Thomas More. This very kind gift will be used for a new Altar Frontal and Tabernacle Veil in his memory.

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R E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
 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

Anthony Staley, Michael Earlis, Joseph Whitehouse, John Joe McGrory, Kathleen King & Geoffrey King, Daniel O’Donnell.
 Douglas Woodford –

Reception 31st May 5:00pm

Requiem 1st June 10:45am

Patrick Flynn – Reception 7th June 5:00pm

Requiem 8th June 10:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Mary Maloney and Catherine Coffey.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

14.05.23 - Gift Aid: £108.93. Non-Gift Aid: £782.24
 Total: £891.17

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Catholic Communications.

Next Weekend – Retiring Collection for Priests Training Fund.

PIETY SHOP

Please come and have a browse. 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

JUNE

Sunday 11th

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Solemn Mass & Solemn Benediction 11:00am

Thursday 22nd

The Feast of Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More

Masses 9:30am & 6:00pm

Sunday 25th

The External Solemnity of Saint Thomas More

The Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul

Holy day of Obligation

Wednesday 28th

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Thursday 29th

Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

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 of May please fill in one of the prayer cards.

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.

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 11th July**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO HEDNESFORD

The Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford – Sunday 2nd July.

- 1pm - Refreshments available
- 2.15 - 3.45pm - Confessions
- 2.15 - 3pm - Private Devotions in the Grotto
- 3pm - Rosary with local schools
- 4pm - Mass with Anointing

Celebrant and Preacher Bishop Stephen Wright.

For further information please contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 07868 542268 or email fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk

ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
 Result for 16th May 2022
Winning Numbers 04-10-07-03
No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 24th May 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+