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THE XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12th November 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Edel McLoughlin
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Pro Populo
11:00am Requiem Mass	Holy Souls
<i>Weekday Masses</i>	
Monday 13th	
9:30am Holy Mass	William Allen RIP Anniv
Tuesday 14th	
5:30pm	Rosary & Novena
6:00pm	Holy Mass Theresa O'Sullivan RIP
Wednesday 15th	
9:30am Holy Mass	Holy Souls – November Lists
Thursday 16th Saint Margaret of Scotland	
10:00am	Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School
5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm	Holy Mass Deceased Legion of Mary
Friday 17th Saint Hugh of Lincoln	
9:30am	Holy Mass Private Intention
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Saturday 18th The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul	
10:00am	Holy Mass Jimmy Jordan RIP

THE XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Teresa Sheridan RIP
SUNDAY 19 th	
9:00am Holy Mass	Mary & Joseph Clarke RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass	Pro Populo

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



The Story of the Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul

St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter's tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

Constantine's building projects enticed the first of a centuries-long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LISTS

Envelopes are available for your Mass offerings - **Please hand the offering envelope into the Sacristy for safety.** Please put your list of intentions in the box provided and Father will pray for your loved one's weekly during the Month of November. Every week Mass will be offered for them. **Please go to the Lady Chapel Altar.**

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

Holy Mass this year will be offered at Erdington Abbey for the deceased clergy who served the Deanery 12:45pm Tuesday 14th November. Anyone is welcome to attend the Mass.

De profundis

Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark our iniquities: O Lord, who can abide it?

For with Thee there is mercy: and by reason of Thy law I have waited on Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even unto night: let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

V/. Lord, hear my prayer.

R/. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful;

grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the

remission of all their sins, that by our devout

supplications they may obtain that pardon which they

have always desired. Who livest and reignest world

without end. Amen.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Kenneth Brumant, Patricia & Denis Bassett,

Michelle Proctor,

Kevin Alwright.- Requiem Wednesday 28th Nov. 2:00pm

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Deepa Abraham.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

05.11.23 - Gift Aid: £113.00. Non-Gift Aid: £493.10.

Total: £606.10.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Johnson Association - £265.19

This Weekend – Mary's Meals

26.11 – Catholic Youth Service

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at:

sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PARISH DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 14th

Baptism Preparation Meeting 6:30pm in Church

Tuesday 21st

First Holy Communion meeting for those not in a

Catholic school – 4:00pm in Church

RCIA – SYCAMORE 6:45pm - Saint John Fisher Room

DECEMBER

Friday 8th

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass 9:30am

Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am – 11:00am

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sunday 12th

Widney Manor – 2:00pm (From Entrance gate down to the pathway by the traffic island – Graves 1 – 1340).

Sunday 19th

Widney Manor – 2:00pm (between traffic island and railway line).

Sunday 26th

Robin Hood – 2:00pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 14th November**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC'

Instruction meetings will take place in preparation for Easter on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm (after the Mass) beginning on Tuesday 21st November at 6:45pm These will take place in the John Fisher Room.

All welcome. These will take place until Holy Week. After Easter there will be more instruction to understand even further the mysteries of the true faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Children not in Catholic Schools

There will be an initial meeting on Tuesday 21st November at 4:00pm in Church for all those who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. If you are not able to be at this meeting please let us know.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 9th December 7.30pm, doors open 6.30pm

St Martin in the Bullring, Birmingham B5 5BB

Step in from the winter chill and join us for an evening of joyful music featuring Lichfield Gospel Choir. Hear from Mary's Meals founder and Sunday Times best-selling author, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, browse seasonal stalls and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. All proceeds help Mary's Meals serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries.

Tickets £10 from Eventbrite: averygospelchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk or call --



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250

Result for 8th November 2023 - **Winning Numbers 13-02-15-17**

Next Draw Wednesday 15th November 2023 after morning Mass