



## SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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### THE XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Teresa Sheridan RIP
SUNDAY	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Mary & Joseph Clarke RIP
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	Fr Jan Nowotnik

#### Weekday Masses

##### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass Annette Newey

##### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Carmel Smith

##### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Saint Cecilia

9:30am Holy Mass Annie Riley RIP

##### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Saint Columbanus

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Holy Souls – November Lists

##### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

9:30am Holy Mass Jacob Smith

10:00am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

##### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass Steve Simon

### THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

#### Saturday for Sunday

**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Andrew Smyth RIP

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Holy Mass** Marie Turner O'Brien

**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 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

#### RED WEDNESDAY

The annual Red Wednesday campaign organised by the charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) takes place on **Wednesday 22 November**. This is our opportunity to stand in solidarity with the millions of Christians, and those of other Religions, who are persecuted for their faith.

Help to *Break the Silence* on the persecution of Christians worldwide – especially those in Africa! Africa is now a priority for ACN with nine countries in the emergency category.

As Archbishop Bernard says: *"I am here to encourage and thank each one of you; your prayers make a difference, your voice makes a difference, each cake sale, each sponsored walk makes a difference and on this Red Wednesday, we say that we will do what we can to ensure this world is safe and peaceful for all people of faith."*

*"If you are involved in a Red Wednesday event in your parish or school community I wish you much success and thank you for standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. We must BREAK THE SILENCE on their behalf."*

#### SAFGUARDING SUNDAY AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS WEEK

Safeguarding Sunday is an awareness-raising campaign organised by Christian safeguarding charity **Thirtyone:eight**

It is hoped churches across the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take part to highlight the importance of creating safer places for all.

This is an opportunity to join thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to coordinate safeguarding in our church so we can protect vulnerable people together.

## 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, Ann Naughton

Kevin Alwright.- Requiem Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2:00pm

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for the intentions of Regina Macklin.

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

### WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

12.11.23 - Gift Aid: £184.56. Non-Gift Aid: £471.67

Total: £606.10.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Mary's Meals - £381.38**

**Next Weekend** – Catholic Youth Service

10.12 – Poor Parishes Fund

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

### PARISH DIARY

#### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

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 8<sup>th</sup>

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Mass 9:30am

Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am – 11:00am

### 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.**

### 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.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Robin Hood – 2:00pm.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – 2 Vacancies have arisen for

an **Assistant Headteacher** and a **Teaching Assistant**. Further information

and an application pack is available under the vacancies section of the

website; Vacancies|Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

(ourlady.sch.uk) and also on the MAC website Current Vacancies|Our

Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC (olaas.co.uk). Closing Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

December 12 noon.



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

Result for 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - **Winning Numbers 06-03-05-07**

**Next Draw Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 after morning Mass**