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THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 26th November 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Andrew Smyth RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Marie Turner O'Brien

11:00am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Monday 27th

9:30am Holy Mass

Robert Lees RIP

Tuesday 28th

2:00pm Requiem Mass

Kevin Alwright

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Private Intention

Wednesday 29th

9:30am Holy Mass

Mother of Helen Ruddy

Thursday 30th Saint Andrew, Apostle

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Holy Souls – November Lists

DECEMBER

Friday 1st Saint Edmund Campion &

**Saint Ralph Sherwin & Martyrs' of the
Venerable English College Rome**

9:30am Holy Mass

David McGuire RIP

10:00am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 2nd Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass

James Wallace

10:30am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday Devotions

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Private Intention (PC)

SUNDAY 3rd

9:00am Holy Mass

Mary & Jimmy Early RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

John Noone RIP

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



CHRIST THE KING

The Solemnity of Christ the King is celebrated today, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Since the announcement of his birth, the Only-begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, was described as “king” in the Messianic sense, that is, heir to the throne of David in accordance with the Prophets’ promise, for a Kingdom that would have no end.

The kingship of Christ remained completely hidden until he was 30 years old, years spent in an ordinary life in Nazareth. Then, during his public life, Jesus inaugurated the new Kingdom which “does not belong to this world”, and finally, with his death and Resurrection, he fully established it.

Appearing to the Apostles after he had risen, he said: “Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth”: this power flows from the love that God manifested in its fullness in the sacrifice of his Son. The Kingdom of Christ is a gift offered to the people of every epoch so that those who believe in the incarnate Word “may not die but may have eternal life”.

Therefore, he proclaimed precisely in the last Book of the Bible, Revelation: “I am the Alpha and the Omega... the beginning and the end”.

With my prayers.

Fr Christopher

PARISH CLUSTER

Saint Thomas More is now part of a cluster of parishes. This is to help us to work together when there are fewer priests. All Deanery’s are looking at ways they can move forward and proclaim the Gospel.

The cluster here comprises: Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Acocks Green, Olton Friary, Holy Family Small Heath, Corpus Christi Stechford and Saint Ambrose Barlow Hall Green. This is quite a large number of parishes, however, that means that at the moment we have a lot of resources to share. The next few years are going to be a great challenge and it is wise and sensible at this time to plan well for the future.

Please pray for the Priests and all those who are starting to reflect upon and undertake this work. Maybe when you have given it all some prayerful thought you may have some suggestions.

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

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

Ann Naughton – Requiem Wednesday 13th Dec.10:00am

Seamus McGrory - Reception 17th December 4:00pm

Requiem 18th December 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Michele Madden.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

19.11.23 - Gift Aid: £137.60. Non-Gift Aid: £498.26

Total: £635.86.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

PARISH DIARY

DECEMBER

Friday 8th

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass 9:30am

Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am – 11:00am

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 26th

Robin Hood – 2:00pm.

BAZAAR

Thank you to all who did so much work to make sure the Bazaar was a success. Thank you for all the generous donations and support. The amount raised was £2,249.20.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS

Are still on sale in the porch after all Masses. The draw will take place after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 17th December 2023.

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 0800 698 1212 or email info@marysmeals.org

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.s.bham.sch.uk) and also on the MAC website Current Vacancies|Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC (olaas.co.uk). Closing Date: Friday 8th December 12 noon.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS have a vacancy for a **Science Laboratory Technician**. Gr2 = 22,366. (salary negotiable dependant on experience)

For further details please download an application form from our website www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk. Closing date: 04 December 2023, 12 noon. Interview date: 08 December 2023



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

Result for 22nd November 2023 - **Winning Numbers 05-21-19-24**

Next Draw Wednesday 29th November after morning Mass