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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th November 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Rita Mottran RIP Anniv
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Pete & Chris Conway Sp Int
11:00am Solemn Mass	Holy Souls whose Funerals have taken place here in last twelve months

Weekday Masses

Monday 6th

9:30am Holy Mass Holy Souls – November Lists

Tuesday 7th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Mary Puckrin RIP Anniv

Wednesday 8th

9:30am Holy Mass Rosemary Coley Sick

Thursday 9th The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Sonia Beronio RiP

Friday 10th Saint Leo the Great

9:30am Holy Mass Alice Simon & Santhamma Abraham

10:00am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11th Saint Martin of Tours

--- NO Morning Mass

THE XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Edel McLoughlin

SUNDAY 12th

9:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo

11:00am Requiem Mass Holy Souls

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 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honour.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the **mother church of all churches in the world**.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church

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.

PIETY SHOP

There is a large collection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Gifts available. 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.

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, John Cunniam, William Smith.
Patrick Gavigan, Frank Shovlin, Patricia & Denis Bassett, Michelle Proctor

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Jack & Mollie Cahillane.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

29.10.23 - Gift Aid: £126.62 Non-Gift Aid: £427.65
Total: £554.27

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Priests Training Fund - £264.85

This Weekend – Johnson Association

Next weekend – Mary's Meals

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 7th

Archdiocese Vision – Meeting
Saint John Fisher Room 6:45pm

Tuesday 21st

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

Saturday 4th

Oscott – 3:00pm.

Sunday 5th

Woodlands & Brandwood End - 2:00pm.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING – Monday 6th 10:00am



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

Result for 1st November 2023 - **Winning Numbers 22-01-18-11**
Next Draw Wednesday 8th November 2023 after morning Mass

1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = £5 + 1 FREE GO
Match 4 = Share Jackpot £250+. Match 3 = share £75+

JACKPOT £250