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THE XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 1st October 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Bram Garner RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Jerry Corkery RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

6:00pm Holy Mass John Sheehan RIP

Please note the change of time

Tuesday 3rd

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass

Fr Paul Chavasse RIP

5:00pm Reception

William Smith

Wednesday 4th Saint Francis of Assisi

11:45am Requiem Mass William Smith

Thursday 5th Saint Faustina Kowalska

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00pm Holy Mass

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham

6:45pm Reception

Patrick Gavigan

Friday 6th First Friday

12noon Requiem Mass Patrick Gavigan

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Private Intention

Please note the change of time

Saturday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Holy Mass Celebrant's Intention

10:30am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday Devotions

THE XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Mary Cusack RIP

SUNDAY 8th

9:00am Holy Mass

Michael McTernan RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

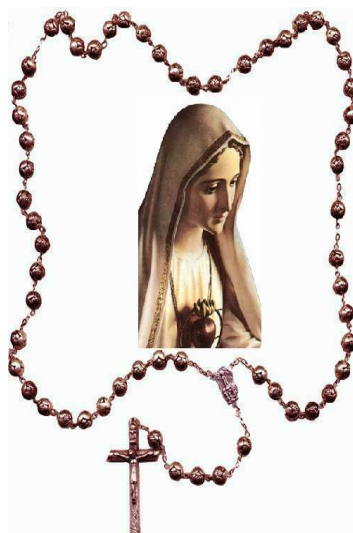
Deceased Toolan Family

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

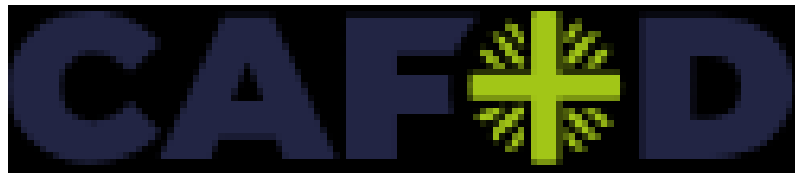
Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass



The [Holy Rosary](#) is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said, "There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY



CAFOD's Family Fast Day has a long tradition of supporting communities around the world. This year on **Friday 6th October** they're inviting you to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner, and give the money saved to help people in A way to make your donation go even further is through Gift Aid. Last year, Gift Aid donations raised nearly £3 million.

CAFOD extends its thanks to all for their fasting, prayer and generosity for our global family. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk/fastdaypoverty.



SUNDAY'S SOLEMN MASS

CAN YOU SING?

We are hoping to have a group of singers to sing at the 11:00am Mass. Meeting before Mass at 10:30am Sunday 8th October

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Why not keep this special time and come to Holy Mass and even stay for Eucharistic Adoration. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY

Saturday 7th October 11:45am – Birmingham City Centre – by the Bull.

MEN

On the feast day of the Rosary we are uniting men to publicly pray and witness to our faith. We will pray for:

- the conversion of our city and nation,
- reparation for sins committed by men,,
- a culture that values all life from conception
- the domestic Church, and
- men to step up to their God given vocation.

For more information contact: Ben – 07885 505116

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Michael Slattery, Katie Comerford, Michele Madden, John White, Daniel Allen, Margaret Kerrigan, Kenneth Brumant, John Cunniam, William Smith Reception 3rd October 5:00pm
Requiem 4th October 11:45am
Patrick Gavigan Reception 5th October 6:45pm
Requiem 6th October 12noon
Patricia & Denis Bassett, Requiem 27th October 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of the Garner Family.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

24.09.23 - Gift Aid: £180.00 Non-Gift Aid: £447.76
Total: £627.76

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Father Hudson's Society - £279.78

Next Weekend - Cafod Harvest Fast – Gift Aid
Envelopes available

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.

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st Afternoon Tea – 3:00pm
Saturday 28th Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

NOVEMBER

The Solemnity of All Saints – *Holyday of Obligation*
Tuesday 31st Oct Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Wednesday 1st Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm
Thursday 2nd **All Souls**
Holy Mass 9:30am, 12noon & 6:00pm
Tuesday 7th Archdiocese Vision – Meeting
Saint John Fisher Room 6:45pm



STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE IN BIRMINGHAM

To find out more or to get involved in this campaign of peaceful, legal prayer near an abortion centre, contact Isabel: 07773 501721.

Vigil location: Outside St Joseph and St Helen's RC Church, Station Road, B30 1JG.

Vigil hours: 8am-8pm daily (September 27th – November 5th)

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Why the 'Year of Prayer?'

In preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2023-24 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis on the Our Father. This presents our Church with a significant opportunity to revisit the basics of prayer, and for us to become even more *a people of prayer*.

Someone once said that *'prayer doesn't help our relationship with God, prayer IS our relationship with God!'* and so when we become more devoted to prayer, we are building up that Divine friendship. Being Pilgrims of Hope means that we should always be growing in our love of prayer on our journey of Faith. But the Year of Prayer also asks us to consider how we might help others to pray, so that they can experience a personal encounter with the risen Jesus.

Can you teach at least one other person to pray, as Our Lord taught His disciples, during this Year of Prayer?

More will be added as we approach the Autumn and Season of Advent.



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

Result for 27th September 2023 - **Winning Numbers 21-06-05-07**

Next Draw Tuesday 3rd October 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 NOW £250