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THE XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22nd October 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Maureen Gaffney RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Anne Perkins
11:00am Solemn Mass	Padraig Mannion
12noon Holy Baptism	

Weekday Masses

Monday 23rd

9:30am Holy Mass Paul Whettle RIP

Tuesday 24th

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass Hughie Walsh RIP

Please note the change of time

Wednesday 25th

9:30am Holy Mass Angela Reddin RIP Anniv

Thursday 26th

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Steve Simon

Friday 27th

11:00am Requiem Mass Patricia & Denis Bassett

Saturday 28th Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

11:00am Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick

The Sick & Housebound

Please note the change of time

THE XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Martin O'Meara RIP

SUNDAY 29th

9:00am Holy Mass John Salt RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass Pro Populo

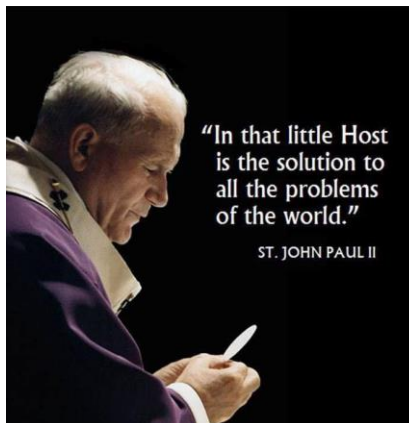
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL

He called all men and women to the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. He reminded us that only in Jesus Christ can we discover the purpose and fulfilment of human life. He proclaimed that human existence itself is an invitation to communion with God and with one another. He told an age bent of "self fulfillment" that true human fulfillment only comes from giving ourselves in love to God and to one another.

Sunday 22nd October is his Feast day so we ask his prayers that we will grow in our devotion and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday this year is on 22 October. On this day the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'

Donations and prayers on this day have direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please encourage your parish to do all they can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church.

For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: missio.org.uk/wms.



**October the Month of
the Holy Rosary**

**PRAY THE ROSARY
EVERY DAY**

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*

Kenneth Brumant, John Cunniam, William Smith.

Patrick Gavigan, Frank Shovlin

Patricia & Denis Bassett,

Requiem 27th October 11:00am

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

15.10.23 - Gift Aid: £181.08 Non-Gift Aid: £381.97

Total: £563.05

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend - APF World Mission.

Next Weekend - Retiring Collection for the Priests Training Fund.

05.11.23 – Johnson Association

PIETY SHOP

Christmas gifts and cards now available. 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.

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

Saturday 28th Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 31st Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Wednesday 1st Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm

Thursday 2nd **All Souls**

The Solemnity of All Saints – *Holyday of Obligation*

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm

All Souls

Holy Mass 9:30am, 12noon & 6:00pm

Saturday 4th Oscott – Blessing of Graves 3:00pm

Tuesday 7th Archdiocese Vision – Meeting

Saint John Fisher Room 6:45pm

Sunday 12th Widney Manor – Blessing of Graves 2:00pm

Sunday 19th Robin Hood – Blessing of Graves 2:00pm

Tuesday 21st RCIA – SYCAMORE 6:45pm

Saint John Fisher Room

SYCAMORE

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – 18th NOVEMBER

We need the following donations which can be left at the piety stall.

Bottles for the stall (in date)

Gifts for the tombola.

Good quality 'bric a brac'

Chocolate and sweets.

Raffle prizes.

Many thanks for all your help and support.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - Year 7 applications for September 2024 by 31 October 2023 and must be accompanied with a copy of your daughter's baptism certificate and a copy of the certificate of Catholic Practice



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

Result for 16th October 2023 - **Winning Numbers 18-17-06-23**

Next Draw Wednesday 25th 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