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THE XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 29th October 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Martin O'Meara RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	John Salt RIP Anniv
11:00am Solemn Mass	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Monday 30th

9:30am Holy Mass Seamus McGrory

Tuesday 31st

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Holyday of Obligation

6:00pm Vigil Mass Gorman & Carr Families RIP

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

9:30am Holy Mass Private Intention

7:00pm Holy Mass Molly Dawson RIP

Thursday 2nd The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9:30am Holy Mass Private Intention

12noon Holy Mass Holy Souls

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass The Pope's Intentions

Friday 3rd Saint Martin de Porres

9:30am Holy Mass Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville

10:00am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 4th Saint Charles Borromeo

10:00am Holy Mass Kathleen & Angela Murphy
And Patricia Healy

10:30am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday Devotions

12noon Holy Baptism

THE XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Rita Mottram RIP Anniv

SUNDAY 5th

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

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



ALL SAINT & ALL SOULS

Everyone, especially in our time when individualism and selfishness seem to prevail, must make our first and fundamental commitment that of growing every day in a greater love for God and for mankind, to transform our lives and in doing so transform our world. Through the intercession of the saints and martyrs we ask God to ignite our hearts to be capable of loving as He loved each of us.

The solemnity of All Saints is a favourable opportunity to lift our gaze from earthly realities, marked by time, to the dimension of God, the dimension of eternity and holiness. The liturgy reminds us that holiness is the original vocation of every baptized person.

For Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is the Holy one, loved the Church as His bride and gave Himself for her, to sanctify her. For this reason all members of the People of God are called to become saints, according to the words of the Apostle Paul: "This is the will of God, your sanctification."

The Commemoration of All Souls, helps us to remember our loved ones who have left us, and all the souls on their way to the fullness of life, on the horizon of the Heavenly Church, which the solemnity of All Saints holds on high.

With my prayers.

Fr Christopher

THE VOCATION TO HOLINESS

"If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? Pope John Paul said: No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ - and you will find true life."

Pope Benedict XVI

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.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Kenneth Brumant, John Cuniam, William Smith.
Patrick Gavigan, Frank Shovlin, Patricia & Denis Bassett,

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of John, Iris & Ian Salt.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

22.10.23 - Gift Aid: £142.07 Non-Gift Aid: £423.46
Total: £565.53

SECOND COLLECTIONS

APF World Mission - £222.72

This Weekend - Retiring Collection for the Priests Training Fund.

Next Weekend – 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 NOVEMBER

	The Solemnity of All Saints – <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>
Tuesday 31 st	Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Wednesday 1 st	Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm
Thursday 2 nd	All Souls Holy Mass 9:30am, 12noon & 6:00pm
Tuesday 7 th	Archdiocese Vision – Meeting Saint John Fisher Room 6:45pm
Tuesday 21 st	RCIA – SYCAMORE 6:45pm Saint John Fisher Room

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Saturday 4 th	Oscott – 3:00pm.
Sunday 5 th	Woodlands & Brandwood End - 2:00pm.
Sunday 12 th	Widney Manor – 2:00pm (From Entrance gate down to the pathway by the traffic island – Graves 1 – 1340).
Sunday 19 th	Widney Manor – 2:00pm (between traffic island and railway line).
Sunday 26 th	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 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 25th October 2023 - **Winning Numbers 08-09-18-04**

Next Draw Wednesday 1st 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