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THE XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17th September 2023

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Alice Macklin RIP
SUNDAY 10th	
9:00am Holy Mass	Julia, Mary & Paul O'Connor
11:00am Solemn Mass	Pro Populo
<i>Weekday Masses</i>	
Monday 18th	
9:30am Holy Mass	Johnson Association
Tuesday 19th	
5:30pm	Rosary & Novena
6:00pm	Holy Mass Gary Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 20th Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Saint Paul Ha-sang & Companions

9:30am	Holy Mass Patrick Butler RIP
12:30pm	Requiem Mass John Cunniam

Thursday 21st Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

10:00am	Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School Maria Gowan RIP
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm Holy Mass For Vocations

Friday 22nd

9:30am	Holy Mass Tony Harkin RIP
10:00am – 11:00am	Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcian

10:00am	Holy Mass Carmel Quigley & Pauline Rymkiewicz Ints.
12noon	Holy Baptism

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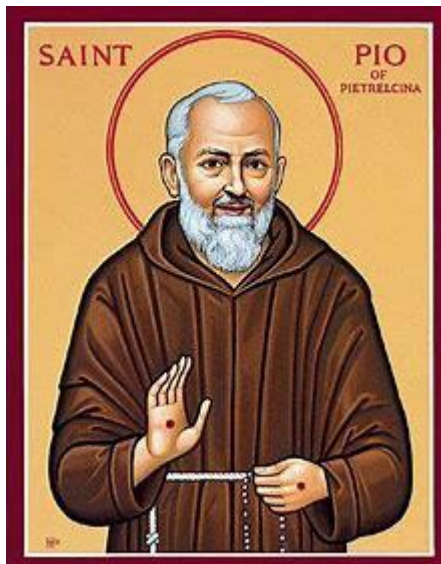
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Michele Madden RIP
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SUNDAY 24th

9:00am Holy Mass	Pro Populo
11:00am Solemn Mass	Gerry Maguire

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

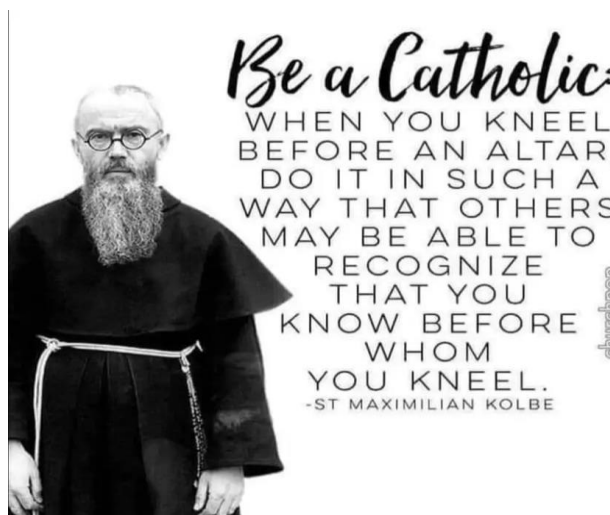
Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm



SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCIAN

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification and then later a Saint, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. "His body," he said, "marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms." For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



ALTAR SERVERS

If you are able and would like to serve at the Altar, particularly at the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Sunday please let us know. Just come to the Sacristy after Mass.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Michael Slattery, Katie Comerford, Michele Madden, John White, Daniel Allen, Margaret Kerrigan, Kenneth Brumant, Patricia Bassett

John Cunniam Requiem 20th September 12:30pm

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Sandra Court & Family in Thanksgiving.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Will be updated next week

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Catholic Evangelisation

Next Weekend – Father Hudson's Society

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 SEPTEMBER

September in our Deanery time of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and there will be events throughout the Deanery to pray for this intention.

Thursday 21st

Prayer for Vocations
Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Holy Mass 7:00pm

Tuesday 26th

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st

Afternoon Tea – 3:00pm

Saturday 28th

Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

NOVEMBER

The Solemnity of All Saints – *Holiday 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

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

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.



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

Winning numbers for draw that took place on Wednesday 13th September 2023 will be published in the porch
Next Draw Wednesday 20th September after Mass