



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Holy Mass**                      **Intention**  
*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**                      Michele Madden RIP

### SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**                      Pro Populo

**11:00am Solemn Mass**                      Gerry Maguire

12noon Holy Baptism

12:45pm Holy Baptism

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass                      Henry Gallagher

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass                      Stephen Lawless

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Vincent de Paul

9:30am Holy Mass                      Thomas Lynch RIP

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass                      Phyllis Nolan

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

9:30am Holy Mass                      George Finn

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Mass                      Michael McNally RIP

## XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**                      Alice Simon &  
Santhamma Abraham

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am Holy Mass**                      Bram Garner RIP Anniv

**11:00am Solemn Mass**                      Jerry Corkery RIP Anniv

### 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

**Divine Mercy** - After the morning Mass on Fridays



## OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

'God remained constantly faithful; Adam did not, and neither did Moses, neither did David. In fact, sacred history leads us to conclude that only God keeps His covenant promises. How then, could mankind fulfil the human end of a covenant in a way that would last forever? That would require a man to be sinless and as constant as God. Thus, for the new and everlasting covenant, God became man in Jesus Christ, and He established the covenant by which we become part of His family: the family of God. ... Every family needs a Mother; only Christ could choose His own ... Now, everything He has He shares with us, His divine life is ours, His home is our home; His Father is our Father ... and His mother is our mother, too.'

### ***Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and as such, is the most influential woman in human history.***

When she was just a teenager living in Nazareth, a town in Northern Israel, Mary said a radical and selfless 'yes' to God's will for her life. In the Bible, we read that when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and told her that she would give birth to the Son of God, she responded with complete faith, saying:

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)*

Through her free choice and at that young age, Mary decided to cooperate with God's plan. In 2019, Pope Francis described her momentous choice by saying that:

*'This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance, or a faint 'yes' ... she knew what was at stake and she said 'yes' without thinking twice. Hers was the 'yes' of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk.'*  
*(Pope Francis)*

## POPE FRANCIS

The Pope urged the faithful to ask themselves some key questions.

"Do I believe that I have received from God the gift of immense forgiveness? Do I feel the joy of knowing that He is always ready to forgive me when I fall, even when others do not, even when even I cannot forgive myself?"

With this in mind, Pope Francis said he wished to propose "a small exercise."

"Let us try, now, each of us, to think of a person who has hurt us, and let us ask the Lord for the strength to forgive them. And let us forgive them out of love for the Lord."

"It will do us good, it will restore peace in our hearts,"

## MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Michael Slattery, Katie Comerford, Michele Madden, John White, Daniel Allen, Margaret Kerrigan, Kenneth Brumant, John Cuniam, William Smith.

Patrick Gavigan Reception 5<sup>th</sup> October 6:45pm

Requiem 6<sup>th</sup> October 12noon

Patricia & Denis Bassett, Requiem 27<sup>th</sup> October 11:00am

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for the intentions of Louis & Kaitlyn Court.

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

## WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

10.09.23 - Gift Aid: £164.00 Non-Gift Aid: £336.00  
Total: £500.00

17.09.23 - Gift Aid: £115.10 Non-Gift Aid: £329.49  
Total: £444.59

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Catholic Evangelisation - £247.32**

**This Weekend** – Father Hudson's Society

**8.10** - Cafod Harvest Fast

## 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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Holy Mass 7:00pm**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Archdiocese Vision – Meeting

Saint John Fisher Room 6:45pm

### OCTOBER

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Afternoon Tea – 3:00pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

### NOVEMBER

**The Solemnity of All Saints – *Holyday of Obligation***

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**All Souls**

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

## 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? Read on for more ideas and suggestions.

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



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

Result for 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - **Winning Numbers 10-14-07-21**

**WE HAVE A JACKPOT WINNER RECEIVING £250!**

**Next Draw Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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+

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