



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3rd September 2023

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

Intention

Eddie Deery RIP

Anne & Joe Perkins

John White RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 4th Saint Cuthbert

9:00am Holy Mass

St Thomas More Staff

Please note the change of time

Rosary after Mass

Tuesday 5th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Delia Santiseban

Wednesday 6th

9:30am Holy Mass

Pat's Intentions

Thursday 7th

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Catherine & Thomas Larkin

Friday 8th The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am Holy Mass

Patty Rooney RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 9th Our Lady on Saturday

---- NO Morning Mass

XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Deepa Abraham Ints

SUNDAY 10th

9:00am Holy Mass

Colin & Valerie Mulvany RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Joe & Mary Macklin RIP

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 - After the morning Mass on Fridays

THE SEASON OF CREATION



Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1 September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters!

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year’s ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we “seek first the kingdom of God” (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.



THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Blessed Virgin Mary occupies a unique role and place in the history of salvation. The Most Blessed Trinity has reserved for Mary the highest mission ever extolled to any creature. Through her generous “fiat” (Be it done!) to God’s will, salvation has come into the world. For this reason, heaven and earth rejoice at her birth. Let us thank the Most Blessed Trinity for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and as our mother!

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.

John Cunniam Requiem 20th September 12:30pm

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS AND FLOWERS This week are sponsored in memory of Michele Madden and for the Intentions of Aoife & Niall.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

27.08.23 - Gift Aid: £148.00 Non-Gift Aid: £396.46
Total: £544.46

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March for Life - £228.56

This Weekend – Catholic Education Service

Next Weekend – Friends of the Holy Land selling Olive Wood Carvings.

17.10 – Catholic Evangelisation

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

Monday 4th

9:00am Mass for the Staff of the schools

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.

ARCHDIOCESE VISION

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. How can you be part of it?

The Archbishop says:

To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

Evangelisation – Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

Formation - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

Liturgy and Worship - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

Social Outreach - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th September 6:45pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 12th September**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' RC CHURCH CENTENARY 1923-2023

English Martyrs Centenary Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 8 September 2023. We are delighted that former parish priest Archbishop Kevin Macdonald will be the lead celebrant and former parish priest Fr Pat Gilsenan will also be joining us for the celebration, as well as many other former and local priests. After mass everyone is invited back to the Parish Hall for drinks and light refreshments! We would love as many people as possible who have a connection to our parish to join us for our celebration centenary mass. Before Mass there will be a pre-service Chime Recital at 5.30pm led by our parish organist Thomas Howell. You do not need a ticket for entry to mass but it would be very helpful for planning purposes if you could let us know you are attending by completing the short form on this link: [EM Centenary](#) or phone 0121 753 4457 and leave a message. Please note that there will be parking available on the evening in the school playground.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Winning Numbers for 28th August 2023 – 04-12-21-03
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 6th September after Mass