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Public Celebrations of Holy Mass ceased on Saturday 21st March 2020. Masses will be celebrated in our church only in private until further notice. Fr John and Fr Kamil will continue to offer Mass for the intentions of those listed on the newsheet.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 11.04.20 PM to Saturday 18.04.20 AM

Sat	11.04.20	Easter Vigil – People of the Parish
Sun	12.04.20	Andrew and David O’Gorman, RIP Anniv Anne McGowan RIP anniv
Mon	13.04.20	John O’Connell RIP Kitty Ready ints
Tue	14.04.20	John Cunnane RIP Joseph Moonjely, RIP anniv
Wed	15.04.20	Ann Rooker RIP Denzil Galstaun RIP
Thu	16.04.20	Mrs Patterson RIP Michael McDonald ints
Fri	17.04.20	Delia O’Toole ints Robyn McDermott RIP
Sat	18.04.20	Carmel Quigley ints

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the time of

panademic It is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation in the usual way at this time. The Sacrament cannot be celebrated over the phone or any form of social media. Our Holy Father is encouraging us to make **Spiritual Confessions**-confess our sins to God, with the intention of going to the Sacrament at the first opportunity once things are back to normal. If anyone would like to phone Fr John to discuss any spiritual or pastoral issues they may have, they are welcome to do so, but this would **NOT** be the Sacrament of Confession.

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.

Easter Sunday

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Reflection for Married Couples

Love our spouse just as they are. The different behaviour patterns of Jesus’ friends are well illustrated in these Scriptures. Jesus loved each of them exactly as they were, just as he loves each of us. Our challenge is to really love our spouse, just as they are, with all the differences that we have. It’s a lifelong journey, but like Jesus’ friends, our understanding can grow.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	18.04.20	Special Intention (EL)
Sun	19.04.20	Kath Cooke RIP. Denis Senior and son Denis

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

Patrick Lynch, Burial Service, Tues 14th. April, 1:45pm, Widney Manor
Kevin Gateley, Funeral Service, Mon 20th. April, 9:30am at Robin Hood Chapel followed by burial at Widney Manor Cemetery
James Dalton, Funeral Service, Tues 21st April, 11.30am, Yardley Crem
Edward Dillon, Funeral Service, Fri 24th. April, 11.30am, Yardley Crem
Jeremiah Madden, Burial Service, Wed 29th. Apr, 1.00pm, Widney Manor
Anthony Quigley, Funeral Service, Fri 1st. May, 12.15pm, Yardley Crem
George Murphy, Burial Service, Wed 20th. May, 11.30am, Widney Manor
Eileen Gilligan, Denzil Galstaun, Colin McCarthy, Joe-Joe Maloney
Funerals in the time of the Coronavirus outbreak It is not possible to have a funeral Mass in church at this time. Funeral services can be conducted, with a very limited number of mourners present, at a graveside or in a crematorium chapel. A memorial Mass can be celebrated in church for the repose of the soul of the deceased person once we are able to congregate again. Please pray for all the deceased and for all who are being bereaved at this time.



Easter will be very different for us all this year. However, we can still rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord, His Victory over sin and death.

Alleluja! Alleluja!

Many, many thanks for your Easter cards, gifts and kind offers of help. Please let us know if we can help you in any way. Fr John, Fr Kamil, and, of course, Fr Dougal, wish you every blessing for a Holy Season of Easter

A Spiritual Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Coronavirus Outbreak

Following an instruction from Archbishop Bernard, the church building has to be kept closed-until further notice.

It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order and Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website.

For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367.

Please visit www.stthomasmorerchurch.com for more information.

Please note:

- + The newsheet will continue to be published on the website on a weekly basis.
- + The Tote will be frozen until further notice, any advance payments will be resumed when we are back to norm
- + The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales and Archbishop Bernard Longley are updating us regularly. Their statements can be accessed on the internet. Some parishes are live-streaming Masses. More information is available at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Easter Week 2020 at St Thomas More’s, Sheldon

The following liturgies and services will be conducted behind locked doors but will all be live-streamed using our parish Facebook page: St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon

- Easter Vigil, April 11th.**, Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, First Mass of Easter, 8pm
- Easter Sunday: April 12th.** Mass, 10.30am, Holy Hour and Benediction, 5.30pm
- Easter Monday- Easter Friday: April 13th - April 17th.** from 6.30pm- Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer of the Church.
- Easter Saturday April 18th.**, First Mass of Divine Mercy Sunday, 5.30pm
- Divine Mercy Sunday** Mass, 10.30am, Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction, 3pm
- THE NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY** This Novena starts on Good Friday and concludes on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. May we pray it this year for a speedy end to the Coronavirus crisis. **Daily Intentions(Revealed by Jesus, Divine Mercy to St Faustina)**
- Day 1:** Today bring Me all mankind, all sinners and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. In this way, you will console Me in the grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me.
- Day 2:** Today bring Me the souls of priests and religious. They give me strength to endure My passion. Through them My Mercy flows out to mankind.
- Day 3:** Today bring Me all faithful souls. They brought Me consolation in an ocean of bitterness.
- Day 4:** Today bring Me those who do not yet know Me. I was thinking of them during My Passion and their future zeal comforted My Heart.
- Day 5:** Today bring Me the separated brethren, during My Passion they tore at My Body, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal.
- Day 6:** Today bring Me the meek and humble souls of children. They strengthened Me during My agony. Only the humble soul is able to receive My grace.
- Day 7:** Today bring Me the souls who glorify My Mercy. They are living images of My Heart. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell.
- Day 8:** Today bring Me the souls in purgatory. They are greatly loved by Me. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw from the indulgences of My Church.
- Day 9:** Today bring Me the souls who have become lukewarm. For them, the last hope of salvation is to flee to My Mercy.

The chaplet of Divine Mercy should be prayed daily in this Novena. It can be prayed using ordinary Rosary Beads. Begin with: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles’ Creed. On the five large beads say: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. On the ten small beads say: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion Have mercy on us and on the whole world. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Prayer Sponsors for 1st Holy Communicants

Please consider becoming a prayer sponsor for one of our First Holy Communicants. It is simply a matter of keeping one of the children in your daily prayers. E-mail me at thomas.more@btinternet.com. It will be some time before I will be able to inform sponsors of the name of the child for whom they are being asked to pray. In the meantime, could you please keep all our First Holy Communicants in your prayers.

Livestreaming of Services from St Thomas More’s

With the help of Fr Kamil and Facebook, I am continuing to be able to livestream liturgies celebrated behind closed doors in our parish. Simply key in **St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon** into a Facebook account. Other services and resources are available on the Archdiocese’s Website. The **Eastertide Walk with Me** book can be purchased from www.alivepublishing.co.uk

Journey in Faith Our group has still been functioning using WhatsApp. The adult Baptisms and receptions that were due to take place at the Easter Vigil will take place once we are able to congregate again. Please keep the group in your prayers.

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O’Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter & Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O’Sullivan, Elaine & Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Aurora-Rose Hennessey, Anne O’Donnell, Justin Bull, Padraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Marie Ryan, Caelan McGurk, Teresa & Des Duffy, William O’Donnell, Carol Peglar, Majella Wynne, Adam Hyde, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel & Sharma Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, MaxTaylor. **The sick will be prayed for at our Novena Mass on Tuesday pm.**

ANNIVERSARIES Rev Wilfrid Sheeran, Canon Bernard Gerald Hodgson, Rev Walter Edwards, Rev Anthony Browne, Rev Peter Moore, Rev William Smith, Anne McGowan, John Brady, Annie Miskelly, Susan Redman, Elsie Cook, Josephine Whittall, Anne Mitchell, Eugene Donaghy, Michael Naughton, Maurice Fullard, Bernadette Fallon, Waclaw Pioreclis, Harold Oakes, Muiread Teague.