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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)
- 19TH. April 2020 - A



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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 18.04.20 PM to Saturday 25.04.20 AM

Sat	18.04.20	Special Intention (EL)
Sun	19.04.20	Kath Cooke RIP
Mon	20.04.20	Denis Senior and son Denis Mary Donnelly RIP Betty Cuddihy RIP
Tue	21.04.20	John Boyle ints John Carlin RIP
Wed	22.04.20	John Shally ints Mary O'Rourke RIP
Thu	23.04.20	Solemnity of St George Pauline Mayberry RIP John McHugh RIP
Fri	24.04.20	Clare Cronin RIP Liam Hogan RIP anniv
Sat	25.04.20	Feast of St Mark Patricia and Walter Ringham RIP

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	25.04.20	Lisa Browne RIP
Sun	26.04.20	Nora Mills RIP. Bridget Kavanagh RIP anniv

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

Kevin Gately, Funeral Service, Mon 20th. April, 9:30am at Robin Hood
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
Patrick Coughlan, Funeral Service, Mon 4th. May, 10.00am, Yardley Crem
Colin McCarthy, Funeral Service, Wed 13th. May, 1.00pm, Robin Hood
George Murphy, Burial Service, Wed 20th. May, 11.30am, Widney Manor
Joe-Joe Maloney, John Gill, Fred Farmer, Billy Tuohy, John Finn, Maria Serkowska, Fr Timothy Burke

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 bereaved.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the time of pandemic

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.



Many, many thanks for your continuing kindness and support in these difficult times. Please let us know of any prayer requests so that they can be prayed for at daily Mass. If you would like us to light a candle for any intention in Church, we will gladly do so.

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Second Sunday of Easter
www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk
Reflection for Married Couples
Togetherness
Our "togetherness" in what we do and say is a "sign" of our love and a source of joy for us. Sometimes, like Thomas, we can be stubborn, with an attitude of 'I'll believe it when I see it' creating a sense of separation and distance. But together we have the power to stop, reflect, be forgiven, and begin again.

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

Second Week of Easter 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**



**Divine Mercy Sunday . Second Sunday of Easter .April 19th.
Mass 10.30am, Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3pm.**

Veneration of picture, Litany of Divine Mercy, Examination of Conscience, Spiritual Confession, Benediction

Our Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday and concludes on this, Divine Mercy Sunday. The intentions for the remaining days of this Novena are given here:

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.

Second Week of Easter Monday, April 20th- Friday, April 24th. - from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer.

Saturday, April 25th, Evening Prayer of the Church, 5pm, Mass of the 3rd. Sunday of Easter, 5.30pm, followed by Rosary and Night Prayer of the Church.

Sunday, April 26th, 3rd. Sunday of Easter, Mass 10.30am, Holy Hour and Benediction, 5.30pm.

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 weekly talks will be live-streamed using Facebook on **Monday evenings at 8pm**. The material that we will be following can be accessed from the Journey in Faith page on our website.

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 Tidswell, 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 Plessner, 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, Pdraig 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 & Sharna Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, MaxTaylor.

ANNIVERSARIES Rev Reginald Slade, Rev Patrick Downey, Rev Hugh Griffith, Rev Oswald Joyce, Rev Liam Bouchier, Deacon Peter Seoney, Rev Patrick Quilty, Rev Benjamin Cox, Rev Wilfried Davenport, Rev Desmond Donnelly, Rev Peter Dennison, Edward McCann, Thomas Stewart, Anne Cleary, Walter Shears, Verna Kennedy, Louise Hudson, Joan Bygrave, Christopher Kiernan, Ted Nevin, John Holland, Mary Bodenham, Bridget Ward, Liam Flinter, Mary Bryan, Margaret Gallacher, Mary Nicholls, Liam Hogan, Thomas Cotler, George Bennett, Margaret O'Dowd.