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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 26TH. 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 25.04.20 PM to Saturday 02.05.20 AM

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| Sat | 25.04.20 | Lisa Browne RIP |
| Sun | 26.04.20 | Nora Mills RIP, Bridget Kavanagh RIP anniv |
| Mon | 27.04.20 | Frances McGurk RIP Special Intention (KK) |
| Tue | 28.04.20 | Special Intention (Get well) Patricia Conboy RIP |
| Wed | 29.04.20 | Feast of St Catherine of Siena Niall Keaney RIP Teresa Nevin RIP |
| Thu | 30.04.20 | Pronsius Keaney, get well Sue Nightingale, get well |
| Fri | 01.05.20 | Tom Mulligan RIP Paddy Coughlan RIP |
| Sat | 02.05.20 | Memorial of St Athanasius Uthup, RIP anniv |

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.



Thanks for all your continuing kindness. Please let us know if we can help in any way - e.g. including a prayer intention at Mass or lighting a candle in Church.

Year of the Word - The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Third Sunday of Easter
www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk
Reflection for Married Couples
How well do we listen to each other? As Jesus walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to His disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening. We may disagree with our partner's thoughts and judgements but they are part of who this person is. We need to experience him/her and convey the joy of discovering the person he/she is.

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.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

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| Sat | 02.05.20 | Harold and Josie Whittall RIP |
| Sun | 03.05.20 | Cyril and Hannah Gallagher, RIP Anniv, Michael Smith, RIP Anniv |

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

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
James Quirke, Burial Service, Tues 5th. May, 11.00am, Kings Norton
Doris Bond, Burial Service, Wed 6th. May, 1.00pm, Oscott Cemetery
John Gill, Funeral Service, Thurs 7th. May, 1.00pm, Yardley Crem
Colin McCarthy, Funeral Service, Wed 13th. May, 1.00pm, Robin Hood
Stephen Milne, Funeral Service, Thurs 14th. May, 1.00pm, Yardley Crem
George Murphy, Burial Service, Wed 20th. May, 11.30am, Widney Manor
Jim Reilly, Burial Service, Thurs 21st. May, 11am, Woodlands

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.

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 743 236 or 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

Third 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
Third Sunday of Easter, April 26th. Mass 10.30am, Holy Hour 5.30pm.

Third Week of Easter Monday, April 27th - Friday, May 1st..- from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chapel, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer.

Saturday, May 2nd., Evening Prayer of the Church, 5pm, Mass of the 4th. Sunday of Easter, 5.30pm, followed by Rosary and Night Prayer of the Church.

Sunday, May 3rd. 4th. Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Mass 10.30am, Holy Hour and Benediction, 5.30pm.

Novenas The Novena prayers in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Tuesday. The Novena prayers in honour of the Sacred Heart will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Friday, as it is the First Friday of the month of May.

Special Novena to the Sacred Heart. This Novena is being prayed nightly before the Blessed Sacrament, for the intention that a vaccine will be developed for the Coronavirus.

i) Oh Jesus who has said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened"....Behold I knock, I seek, I ask that this prayer, through the intercession of Our Lady, will be granted.....(State Request).....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

ii) Oh Jesus who has said "Anything you ask the Father in My Name will be granted,"....Behold, in Your Name, I ask the Father for the grace of.....(State Request)....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

iii) Oh Jesus who has said "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away,".....Behold, encouraged by the infallibility of Your Words, I feel confident that this prayer will be granted.....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace that we ask of you through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, our tender Mother.....Hail Holy Queen.....St Joseph, Foster Father of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us



May, the Month of Our Lady

Our country was re-dedicated to Our Lady, as Mary's Dowry, on March 29th. At our nightly Rosary from April 28th. to May 31st, I will be praying prayers from the writings of St Louis Marie de Montfort. This is to help us prepare, if we so wish, to consecrate ourselves to Jesus Through Mary, on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.

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.

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.

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

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, 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 & Sharma Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, MaxTaylor.

ANNIVERSARIES Rev Joseph Hickson, Rev Peter Cooney, Rev Peter Heath, Deacon James Fantham, Rev Thomas O'Connor, Michael Fay, Mary Fay, Norman Robinson, John Mee, James Cummins, Denis O'Gorman, Una Doran, John Bond, Hannah Nowotnik, Tullio Penco, Kathleen Keenan, Conor Delaney, Margaret Tully, Yvonne Mason, Kathleen Sutton, Veronica King, Michael Lynch, Mary Butler, Margaret Hoare, Cornelius O'Mara

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS *The Universe* and *The Catholic Times* have still been coming, despite the church building being closed. Copies have been kept and will be available in the presbytery porch. A small donation would be welcome. From next week, these two papers are to be combined as one paper.