

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 17th April 2022

Holy Mass Intention Saturday for Sunday 8:00pm THE SOLEMN PASCHAL VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION SUNDAY

9:00amHoly MassSam & Kayla Daniels10:40amDivine Mercy11:00amSolemnMass of the ResurrectionPro Populo

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses EASTER MONDAY 18th 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy 11:00am Holy Mass George Cassidy RIP EASTER TUESDAY 19th 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy 11:00am Holy Mass Margaret Kelly RIP Anniv EASTER WEDNESDAY 20th 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

 11:00am Holy Mass
 Angela Hyland

 EASTER THURSDAY 21st

11:00am Requiem Mass Frank Burford

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy 6:00pm Holy Mass Mary Parkin EASTER FRIDAY 22nd 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy 11:00am Holy Mass Kath & Seamus McGrory EASTER SATURDAY 23rd 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

 11:00am Holy Mass
 Fr Laurence Crowe RIP

 12noon
 Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 24th THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday for Sunday5:30pmVigil MassPro PopuloSUNDAYPro Populo9:00amHoly MassDoreen Emms RIP11:00am Solemn MassNoreen Donohoe RIP Anniv12noonHoly Baptism3:00pmDivine Mercy & Solemn Benediction

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:45pm – 5:15pm **Rosary** Monday – Saturday during Adoration 10:20am **Divine Mercy –** Novena Every Day – 10:40am



"After the Sabbath", the women went to the tomb. This is how the Gospel of this holy Vigil began: with the Sabbath. It is the day of the Easter Triduum that we tend to neglect as we eagerly await the passage from Friday's cross to Easter Sunday's Alleluia. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself. *Pope Francis*

A VERY HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER

TO YOU ALL - IN OUR LORD

Fr Christopher

PRAYING WITH THE WORDS OF THE EASTER SEQUENCE

'CHRIST MY HOPE'

Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani

May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: "I have seen the Lord!" We too, who have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion, today raise the cry of victory: "He has risen! He has truly risen!"

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Person who lets us experience all God's goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus "my hope": he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. "Christ my hope" means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfilment: with him I can hope for a life that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

Surrexit Dominus vere. Alleluia.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace Eileen McGill Kath Lydiatt Eugene Reynolds Frank Burford – Requiem Mass Thursday 21st 11:00am Elizabeth Ward – Requiem Mass Wednesday 27th 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Margaret McCarthy and in memory of Mary Leighton.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

11.04.22 - Gift Aid: £92.00 Non-Gift Aid: £560.70 Total: £652.70

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places This Weekend – Easter offering to the parish priest. Envelopes are available. Easter Flowers - £202.93 Thank you for your support and generosity

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

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: <u>stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk</u>

HAPPY EASTER

Thank you to all of you who helped with the preparations for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum and Easter. Thank you to the Readers and the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for your ministry and those serving at the Altar. Thank you to all the Stewards for making sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you to Paul for the music. The Sanctuary is looking beautiful with all the flowers so thank you very much to Agnes. Thank you to the Sacristans. Thank you to Maxine who has done all the administration.

Thank you everyone who came and worked on the gardens for Easter. It is very good that so much care is given to the place that is at the heart of our Catholic community – the House of the Lord, well the surroundings. Thank you to all those who came and made sure everything was clean in church.

Thank you to you all for coming to be with the Lord at this most sacred time.

I hope you all continue to have a good and holy Easter. With my blessing and prayers.

Fr Christopher

PARISH DIARY APRIL	
Sunday 17 th	Easter Day
Sunday 24 th	Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm
Saturday 30 th	Comedy Night – Tickets £10 per person, on Sale now. 5 Comedy Acts, Fully licensed bar, serving Beer, Ale, Wine & Gin.
MAY	
Sunday 1 st	Rosary & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm
Thursday 26 th	Ascension Day Holiday of Obligation
	Vigil Mass 6:00pm (Wed) Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm
JUNE	
Saturday 4 th	Pentecost Sunday
	Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 26 th	Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 17th May, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above not at our Catholic Schools who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy please collect an application form from the Sacristy after Mass or phone the Parish office. The Instruction class will be on **Tuesday 26th April at 4:00pm** in church.

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OFFICE MANAGER – Required as soon as possible. We are looking for a highly motivated individual who is enthusiastic, efficient and loves to work with people. Grade 3, 36.5 hours per week, term time only Maternity Cover To Apply please visit the website at: <u>www.sttommor.bham.sch.uk</u> or contact the school office on 0121 743 3289 or enquiry@sttommor.bham.sch.uk