



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 21st April 2024

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Denis O’Gorman RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Christopher Kiernan &
James McCarron RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 22nd

9:30am Holy Mass

Mary Theresa Martin

Tuesday 23rd

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE PATRON OF ENGLAND

9:30am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

4:00pm Reception

John Eugene Doyle

Wednesday 24th

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

1:30pm Requiem Mass John Eugene Doyle

5:00pm Reception Mary Smyth

Thursday 25th

11:30am Requiem Mass Mary Smyth

---- NO Adoration at 5:00pm

6:00pm Holy Mass John Rymkiewicz RIP Anniv

6:30pm The Stations of the Eucharist

Friday 26th

9:30am Holy Mass Private Intention

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

1:00pm Requiem Mass John Dalton

Saturday 27th

---- NO Morning Mass

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Richard Lambe RIP

SUNDAY 28th

9:00am Holy Mass

Mary Abbey RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

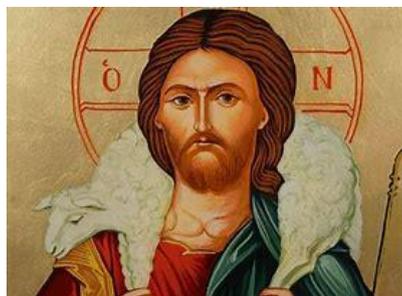
Noreen Donohoe RIP Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions - 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to “*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest*” (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.



THE STATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST - THURSDAY 25th APRIL AT 6:30pm

The purpose of the Stations of the Eucharist is to help the faithful deepen both their understanding and appreciation of the Source and Summit of our faith: The Most Holy Eucharist. Through the whole of salvation history, God, our Father has prepared His people for the Gift of His Beloved Son, and also for the Gift of His Real Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. Throughout the Old Testament, the Eucharist was prefigured. And in the New Testament, these shadows give way to Reality.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE An invitation to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year. **Saturday 4th May 2024, 12 noon** at St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham. Followed by light refreshments. Please confirm your attendance by 21st April, by visiting www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

MARRIAGE CARE

Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar.

We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

John Gaughan, Mary Doody, Mary Dillon, William Smith, Ray Tempest.

Michael Reaney Funeral Service at Woodlands
 Tuesday 23rd April 12noon

John Eugene Doyle
 Reception Tuesday 23rd 4:00pm
 Requiem Mass
 Wednesday 24th 1:30pm

Mary Smyth Reception Wednesday 24th 5:00pm
 Requiem Mass
 Thursday 25th 11:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Mary Phillips and Maria Macklin.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

14.04.24 - Gift Aid: £188.01. Non-Gift Aid: £474.62
 Total: £662.63

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Clergy Training Fund

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
 MAY**

Sunday 5th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

Wednesday 8th
 Thursday 9th

**Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation
 Vigil Mass 6:00pm
 Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

Saturday 11th
 Sunday 12th

Saint Andrew’s School First Holy Communion 12noon
 Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 1st & 2nd of June.** A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 21st May**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

AFTERNOON TEA

The Like Minded Ladies are holding an afternoon tea on Sunday 28th April at 3:00pm. All proceeds will be divided between Marie Curie Hospice and Birmingham Dementia Group. We welcome donations for raffle prizes. Tickets are £10 each and will be available after all Masses. We are very short of people to help and we ask if anyone has time and could help us with the following to let Edel, Carmel or Agnes know:
 set up on Saturday 27th at 2:00pm
 help serve on the Sunday
 make cakes for the event.

All help is greatly appreciated. The Like Minded Ladies

PIETY SHOP

Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY

Our Lady Of The Wayside Catholic Primary School – has 1 Vacancy for September 2024 - **Assistant Headteacher** (full-time). Visits to the school can be arranged and are welcomed. For further details please visit <https://www.ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>

St Andrews Catholic Primary School have 2 Vacancies for September 2024 **Class Teacher** (Permanent, Full Time) Closing date: Friday 26th April & **Phase Leader Early Years** (Permanent, Full Time). Closing date: 1st May. Visits to the school are strongly encouraged; Please contact the school on 0121-743 5675 or email office@st-andrews.solihull.sch.uk. To apply please visit <https://www.olaas.co.uk/current-vacancies/>



ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
 Result for 15th April 2024 - **Winning Numbers 18-22-08-10**
Next Draw Monday 22nd April after morning Mass.