



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Doreen Emms RIP
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	Noreen Donohoe RIP Anniv
12noon Holy Baptism	
<b>3:00pm Divine Mercy &amp; Solemn Benediction</b>	

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> The Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

9:30am Holy Mass Mary Hawkins

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE PATRON OF ENGLAND

9:00am Rosary & Novena  
9:30am Holy Mass Anne McCarthy  
5:00pm Reception Elizabeth Ward

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

11:00am Requiem Mass Elizabeth Ward

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm Holy Mass Deceased members of the Hogan Family

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Saint Catherine of Siena

9:30am Holy Mass Patrick Kearney  
10:00am – 11:00am  
Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Saint Pius V, Pope

10:00am Holy Mass Steve Simon Ints

### MAY

#### Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Saturday for Sunday*  
**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Leo Kidd RIP Anniv  
SUNDAY  
**9:00am Holy Mass** Tony & Kevin Gately RIP  
**11:00am Solemn Mass** TLK RIP  
12noon Holy Baptism  
12:45pm Holy Baptism  
**3:00pm Rosary & Solemn Benediction**

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

**Rosary** Monday – Friday before Mass  
Saturday after the morning Mass

**Divine Mercy** – After Mass on Fridays



### DIVINE MERCY

This love of mercy illuminates the face of the Church, and is manifested through the sacraments, in particular that of reconciliation, as well as in works of charity, both of community and individuals.

Everything that the Church says and does, shows that God has mercy for man. When the Church must call attention to an unrecognized truth, or a good betrayed, it is always driven by merciful love that all people might have life and have it abundantly (John 10.10). From Divine Mercy comes hearts that are pacified, and then comes true peace in the world, peace between peoples, cultures and religions.

Like Sister Faustina, Pope John Paul II was in his time an apostle of Divine Mercy. Many noticed the remarkable coincidence that when he closed his eyes to this world on the evening of Saturday, April 2, 2005, it was on the eve of the second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and also at the same time as the Marian devotion of the first Saturday of the month. In fact, this was at the core of his long and multifaceted pontificate; his entire mission in the service of God and man and peace in the world was summarized in the announcement he made in Krakow in 2002.

The Lord took his wounds with him to eternity. He is a wounded God; He let himself be injured through his love for us. His wounds are a sign that he understands and allows himself to be wounded out of love for us. These wounds of his: how tangible they are to us in the history of our time! Indeed, time and again, he allows himself to be wounded for our sake. What certainty of his mercy, what consolation do his wounds mean for us! ... And what a duty they are for us, the duty to allow ourselves in turn to be wounded for him!

### THANK YOU

It was very good and a great blessing for the parish to see so many of you celebrating the Sacred Triduum. Thank you and God bless you. Thank you also for your kind Easter offerings and gifts.

*Fr Christopher*

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**R** E-gína cæ-li \* lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-  
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,  
 alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

### RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

### 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*

Frank Burford  
 Elizabeth Ward  
 Mary Deery  
 Margaret Davis

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for Robin Daniels and in memory of the Diggins & McCarthy Family.

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

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Weekend** – Clergy Training Fund.  
**Next Weekend** – Fr Hudson's 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### 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: [stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

### PARISH DIARY

#### APRIL

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Saint George's Day  
 Holy Mass 9:30am This Mass is the Saint Thomas More school Mass for the start of the Summer Term  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Comedy Night – Tickets £10 per person, on Sale now. 5 Comedy Acts, Fully licensed bar, serving Beer, Ale, Wine & Gin.

#### MAY

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Rosary & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> **Ascension Day Holiday of Obligation**  
 Vigil Mass 6:00pm (Wed) Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

#### JUNE

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> **Pentecost Sunday**  
 Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm  
**Corpus Christi**  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

### CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for all those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to: Steven & Zoie; Frankie, Mavis & Jaden; Olivia, Chloe & Nicole; Tony, Mabel & Chris. Congratulations to Zachary who made his First Holy Communion.

At the Solemn Mass on Easter morning Adrian made his First Holy Communion and was Confirmed, congratulations. We pray that they will all become closer to Jesus at every moment of their lives and that they will all receive many Graces from God.

### 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 – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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: [www.sttommore.bham.sch.uk](http://www.sttommore.bham.sch.uk) or contact the school office on 0121 743 3289 or [enquiry@sttommore.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@sttommore.bham.sch.uk)