



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 28th April 2024

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Richard Lambe RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Mary Abbey RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass	Noreen Donohoe RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 29th Saint Catherine of Siena,
Patron of Europe

---- NO Mass

Tuesday 30th Saint Pius V, Pope

---- NO Mass

MAY

Wednesday 1st Saint Joseph the Worker

---- NO Mass

Thursday 2nd Saint Athanasius

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Harry & Maryann Worrall RIP

Friday 3rd Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles

9:30am Holy Mass Anthony Jordan RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 4th

10:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
& First Saturday Devotions

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30pm Vigil Mass Living & Deceased of the
Clifford Family

SUNDAY 5th

9:00am Holy Mass George Cassidy RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass - Saint Thomas More School
First Holy Communions

Michael Smith RIP Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, titled *Deus Caritas Est*, that is, "God Is Love," ends with the late pope calling on Mary, the Mother of the Lord, to show us as the Church how to live God's love in the world:

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
you have given the world its true light,
Jesus, your Son — the Son of God.
You abandoned yourself completely
to God's call
and thus became a wellspring
of the goodness which flows forth from him.
Show us Jesus. Lead us to him.
Teach us to know and love him,
so that we too can become
capable of true love
and be fountains of living water
in the midst of a thirsting world.*

THE HOLY MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Sacrament of the Altar is always at the heart of the Church's life: thanks to the Eucharist, the Church is reborn ever anew! The more lively the Eucharistic faith of the people of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples....Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's Eucharistic presence among his people.



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*

Mary Doody, Mary Dillon, Ray Tempest, Simon Carlin, Michael Reaney, John Eugene Doyle, Mary Smyth Sally Smyth Requiem Thursday 23rd May 11:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Simon Carlin.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

21.04.24 - Gift Aid: £109.76. Non-Gift Aid: £403.28
Total: £513.04

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund - **£245.20**

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE

Result for 22nd April 2024 -

Winning Numbers 07-23-15-17

Next Draw Monday 29th April @ 10:00

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

JUNE

Friday 21st

Saint Thomas More Festival

The Feast of Saint Thomas More Holy Mass 1:00pm

The School Celebration of 70 Years

Saturday 22nd

Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More

Holy Mass 10:00am

Sunday 23rd

Saint Thomas More Sunday

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Holy Mass 9:00am & Solemn Mass 11:00am

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER – CAFOD & SVP

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

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

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/>