



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

### Holy Mass

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

12noon Holy Baptism

### Intention

Joe Evans RIP

Frederick John Dawson RIP

Mary Maloney RIP Anniv

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass

1:15pm – 2:15pm

Saint Andrew's School Confessions

Deceased Gorman Family

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass

11:00am – 12noon

Saint Thomas More School Confessions

1:15pm – 2:15pm

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Katherine Reddy RIP Anniv

Fr Anthony Rohan

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

6:30pm **Lent Penitential Service**

Niamh Dalton RIP

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

6:30pm **Stations of the Cross**

Tommy McManus RIP Anniv

Bridget & John Kavanagh

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Mass

Alice Simon &  
Santhamma Abraham

## Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

Pro Populo

Ivy Woodford RIP

Ann McGowan RIP Anniv

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

Saturday after the morning Mass

**Divine Mercy** - After the morning Mass on Fridays



### PASSIONTIDE

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.

For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy became more sombre and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.

The most obvious example of a more sombre mood was the veiling of statues and images. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

### LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



On Thursday evening after Mass there will be an opportunity for confession.

"Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us." *Pope Francis*

There will be a number of other Priests available to hear Confessions. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the most sacred days of the year, the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

## 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**

Eileen McGill –

Reception Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 4:00pm

Requiem Mass Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 11:00am

Kath Lydiatt

Eugene Reynolds

Frank Burford

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in memory of Hannah & George Maun and the Clancy Family.

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

## WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

27.03.22 - Gift Aid: £131.50 Non-Gift Aid: £434.68  
Total: £566.18

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Weekend** – Retiring Collection for the Priests Training Fund

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - £820.40

**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.

**Gift Aid and Planned Giving Envelopes Ready for collection in the porch.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> The beginning of Holy Week

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

**Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm**

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm**

**Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Day**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

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

### JUNE

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

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## 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.

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## SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT – TRUSTEES

Oscott College, the diocesan seminary, which forms men for the priesthood and the diaconate from England Wales, Scotland and further afield, is looking for additional trustees.

The particular areas of expertise which are needed are:-

- Diversity and inclusion
- Education and academia
- HR and training
- IT and digital
- Media/PR

Trusteeship is a voluntary role, and is a way to put your skills at the service of the church. If you would like any further information please contact Jackie Hall, College Bursar at [Oscott.jackie.hall@oscott.org](mailto:Oscott.jackie.hall@oscott.org)

## 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.

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## GOLD ! GOLD ! GOLD !

We are going to continue with this and hope to be able to do more good works in the Parish. With another generous donation of £300, Gift Aided so £375, we have now £3660. Many thanks.