



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

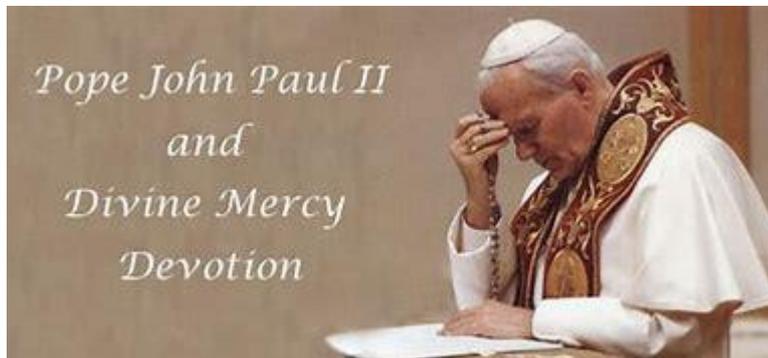
Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Mary Maloney RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Pro Populo
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	James Cronin RIP
<b>3:00pm Divine Mercy &amp; Solemn Benediction</b>	
<b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

### *Weekday Masses*

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
9:30am Holy Mass	Bridget & John Kavanagh RIP Anniv
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Mary Doody RIP
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:30am Holy Mass	Tommy McManus RIP Anniv
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Stanislaus</b>	
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Joseph Moonjely RIP Anniv
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:30am Holy Mass	Smith & Flynn Families
10:00am – 11:00am	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Saint Martin</b>	
10:00am Holy Mass	Brendan McCartney RIP
10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Anne McGowan RIP Anniv
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Georgia Webley Special Int.
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	McDonagh, Wilkes & Maloney Families.
<b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm	
<b>Rosary</b> Monday – Friday before the morning Mass	
<b>Divine Mercy</b> - During Adoration on Fridays	



Both in his teaching and personal life, St. Pope John Paul II strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy. As the great Mercy Pope, he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy:

"The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate."

In his writings and homilies, he has described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message of the third millennium. He beatified and canonized Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the nun associated with the message, and he did it in Rome and not in Poland to underscore that Divine Mercy is for the whole world.

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears.

There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God."

### 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, Agnes and Sarah.. Thank you to Maxine who has done all the administration.

Thank you to all those who came and made sure everything was clean in church.

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.

I hope you all continue to have a good and holy Easter.

With my blessing and prayers.

*Fr Christopher*



**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 Smyth, Mary Doody, Mary Dillon, William Smith.

Michael Reaney Funeral Service at Woodlands  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1:00pm

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in memory of Michele & Angela Rosa.

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

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

31.03.247 - Gift Aid: £121.00. Non-Gift Aid: £408.67  
Total: £529.67

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Holy Places - £379.34**

**GIFT AID**

If you are a taxpayer and not currently on the scheme please consider joining the Gift aid scheme. For every £1 you donate the Church can claim a further 25p from the government. The simplest way to donate is by setting up a Standing Order or alternatively weekly envelopes.

Gift Aid forms will be available after all Masses or contact Betty or Michael McDonald **07769 835069**

**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.

**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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**PARISH DIARY  
MAY**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

**Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew’s School First Holy Communion 12noon  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.**

A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Children not in Catholic Schools**

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** at 4:00pm in Church for all those who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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

**SAINT ANDREW’S SCHOOL – NURSERY**

Nursery places available 15 and 30 hours for September 2024. Contact the school to find out more: Saint Andrew’s Primary School, Windrush Close, Solihull, B92 8QL. 0121 743 5675 [office@standrews.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@standrews.solihull.sch.uk)

**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



**ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250**  
Result for 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 - **Winning Numbers 15-22-23-18**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April after morning Mass.**