

<p>St. Thomas More Primary Sch. Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Headteacher: Mrs Kate Madia</p>	<p>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 16th August 2020</p> 	<p>St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch Windrush Close, B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly</p>
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The Masses to be celebrated at **7pm** on the days given below **will not be celebrated in church** but will be transmitted using Facebook

Masses

Sat	5:30pm	Mary Vaughan, RIP	
	8:30am	Denis Cleary, RIP	
	10:30am	John Gill Snr, John Gill Jnr, Pauline Gill, RIP	
Mon	9:30am	Kath Beale, RIP	
	7:00pm	W Burrell	
Tue	5:30pm	Margaret McGrory, RIP	
	7:00pm	Fr David Barry	
Wed	9:30am	Hanratty Family	
	7:00pm	Canon Peter Taylor	
Thu	5:30am	Joe & Anne Perkins, Ints	<i>Memorial of St Bernard</i>
	7:00pm	Fr Timothy Burke	
Fri	9:30am	Funeral Mass, Gerard Cooke	<i>Memorial of St Pius X</i>

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Maureen West, RIP	<i>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	7:00pm	Bishop Les McCardie	
Sun	8:30am	Kath Cooke, RIP	
	10:30am	Jim Conway, RIP Anniv.	

Recently Deceased
Gerard Cooke Funeral Mass, Friday 21st August, 9:30am.
Margaret McGrory Funeral Mass, Monday 24th August, 11:30am.
Mary Hessian Funeral Mass, Friday 28th August, 11:30am.
Rosemary (Val) Mulvany
May they rest in peace



August - Month of the Blessed Sacrament

Congratulations and Prayerful good wishes to **Ruary Marquis-Johnson, Gabrielle O'Toole and Katy Stewart** who were baptized and confirmed. **Nicholas Lamb** who was received into the church and **Maria Kelly** who was confirmed last week. May we keep these new full members of the church in our prayers. We also welcome into the family of our parish **Tommy Byrne** and **George & Lyla Watt** baptized her last Sunday.

Confessions will be available in our church on Saturday August 22nd from **10.00am-11.00am**. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used.

A small selection of cards, rosary beads and other piety stall gifts are available from the presbytery.

Mary Holland RIP. Final Garage sale *Mary's house is being put up for sale and parishioners are invited to come and browse through the many good-quality belongings which still remain, any Wednesday afternoon between 2pm and 5.30pm, at 10 Campbells Green, B26 3HB. Any donations will be given to the Corpus Christi Help group. Please phone Margaret before your visit on 01926 428399 or 07838 257808.*

Thanks to all who have offered to be prayer sponsors for our First Holy Communicants. Your next parish priest, Fr Christopher Miller, will make arrangements for the 2020 First Holy Communions and Confirmations of the children of our parish schools when he arrives in the parish in September. I am hoping to arrange the First Holy Communions of the children attending non-Catholic schools over the next few weeks.

Novena to Our Lady of Knock is prayed between 14th & 22nd Aug. The Prayers have been uploaded on to the Parish Website and the Facebook page.

Public Services in Church
 Public Masses are taking place in our church. We still need volunteer stewards, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, servers and readers. All offering to help in these ways need to be people who don't presently have to self-isolate, or be living with someone who is self-isolating. Those attending Mass will be required to wear face coverings- masks or home-made face coverings. It is the responsibility of the person coming to a public service to provide their own face covering. As many people will still be unable to go to church, Mass will also be live-streamed using our Facebook page at 12 noon on Sunday. **The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended.** The diocese is encouraging people to attend a weekday Mass, for their weekly Mass, to avoid congregations on Sundays being too large for safety. **Weekday Masses in our church will take place as follows: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am (church open at 9am) and at 5.30pm on Tues and Thurs (church open at 5pm).** We will be following our standard Sunday Mass times- Sat 5.30pm, Sun 8.30 am and 10.30am at the weekends for Mass in

Coronavirus Outbreak Update- Re-Opening of the Church for Public Services
 Our church is open for 1 hour per day. This includes the time for daily public Mass. The daily schedule that we are following is: Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 9am-10am; Tuesday, Thursday evening, 5pm-6pm. Thanks to the parishioners who have offered to be volunteer stewards. We do need more stewards, as the diocese has stipulated that there should be at least 3 stewards in church any time it is open to public. Please contact Fr John if you can help. If you will need disabled access to the church, please contact Fr John in advance. The church toilets will not be available when the church is open for private prayer or for public Mass.
 Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship> and also <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/>
It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order & Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website. For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367. Visit www.stthomasmorechurch.com or www.birminghamdiocese.org for more information.

Week 20 of Ordinary Time 2020 at St Thomas More's, Sheldon
The following liturgies and services will be conducted behind locked doors but will all be live-streamed using our parish Facebook page: St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon Sunday 16th August, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass 12 noon, Devotions 5.30pm.
Week 20 of Ordinary Time Monday, 17th August - Friday 21st August - Mass (7.00pm), followed by Rosary, Night Prayer.
Saturday 22nd August - 21st Sunday of the Year, Mass 5:30pm
Sunday, 23rd August - NO FACEBOOK TRANSMISSIONS
Novenas The Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Tuesday. From August 14th, to August 22nd, a Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock will be prayed.
Special Novena to the Sacred Heart This Novena is being prayed nightly for the intention that a vaccine will be developed shortly for the Coronavirus.
i) Oh Jesus who has said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened".....Behold I knock, I seek, I ask that this prayer, through the intercession of Our Lady, will be granted.....(State Request).....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....
ii) Oh Jesus who has said "Anything you ask the Father in My Name will be granted, Behold, in Your Name, I ask the Father for the grace of(State Request)Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....
iii) Oh Jesus who has said "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away,".....Behold, encouraged by the infallibility of Your Words, I feel confident that this prayer will be granted.....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace that we ask of you through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, our tender Mother.....Hail Holy Queen.....St Joseph, Foster Father of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.
 First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk
Reflection for Married Couples
 Trust in each other
 When we married, we promised 'to love one another until death do us part'. In this promise we are called to put all our trust in each other, to persevere, no matter what life brings. This theme of trust is evident in the way the Canaanite woman believed that, if she persevered, Jesus would cure her daughter. He did!

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter & Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, Elaine & Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessner, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Aurora-Rose Hennessey, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Padraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Caelan McGurk, Teresa & Des Duffy, William O'Donnell, Carol Peglar, Majella Wynne, Adam Hyde, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel, Sharna Smith, Colette Hickey, Max Taylor, Molly Cahillane

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr McCallum, Fr Keaney, Fr Smith, Fr Cooney, Deacon Taylor, Cardinal Griffin, Canon Cusworth, Ann Cahill, Catherine Gallagher, Mary Reid, Matthew Crew, Elizabeth Murphy, Una McGuire, Derek Arrowsmith, Francis McIntaggart, Patrick Carroll, David Smith, Antony Owens.