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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2ND. August 2020



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Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

The Masses to be celebrated at **7pm** on the days given below **will not be celebrated in church** but will be live-streamed using Facebook

Sat	5.30pm	Bernadette Miles, RIP
Sun	8.30am	Mary and Patrick Conway RIP
Mon	10.30am	Gerry Meehan RIP anniv
	9.30am	Emer McDonald RIP
	7.00pm	Ann and Joe Perkins ints
		Memorial of St John Mary Vianney
Tue	5.30pm	Paul Comerford RIP anniv
	7.00pm	Tony Meehan RIP anniv
Wed	9.30am	Siobhan Fitzgerald ints
	7.00pm	Mary Evans ints
		Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Thu	5.30pm	Mary Houston, sick
	7.00pm	Fr Kamil ints
Fri	9.30am	Paddy Conway ints
	7.00pm	Ann and Denis Cleary RIP
Sat		Memorial of St Dominic In Private: Peggy Smith RIP

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 church.

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
It can be hard to have compassion sometimes. It's hard to have compassion for my spouse when caught up in my own worries and stress. Jesus moved on from His own sadness to see the need of the crowds. He fed them. We witness to the Good News that nothing can come between us when we nourish each other in all ways- physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

A Spiritual Holy Communion

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.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5.30pm	Mary Hanratty RIP
	8.30am	Mary Gately ints
	10.30am	Padraig and Mary Folan RIP anniv

Recently Deceased May they rest in peace

Jason Corcoran Funeral Service Mon Aug 3rd., 1.00pm, Robin Hood
John O'Sullivan Funeral Mass, Tues Aug 4th, 10am
Antonia Carnevale Funeral Mass, Fri Aug 7th, 11am
Gerard Cooke, Marie Ryan, Fr Joseph Tynan

August: Month of the Blessed Sacrament



"My Lord and my God."
St. Thomas

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.

Confessions will be available in our church on Saturday August 8th. from **10.00am-11.00am**. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used.

We welcome into the family of our parish **Kylan Tideswell-Davies** who was **baptised** here last week. (Under coronavirus restrictions, a maximum of 30 people are allowed to be present at a Baptism.)

I am hoping to give the Sacraments of Initiation to the members of our 2019/2020 RCIA group at the 5:30pm Mass on Sat 8 Aug. Please pray for them

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 Plesser, 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

ANNIVERSARIES Rev Richard Lynch CO, Rev David Ford, Rev Cuthbert Brown, Deacon John Lynch, Rev James Gough, Rev Francis Gwinnett., Martin Meehan, Eileen Mulry, William Kelly, Paul Thacker, Paul Comerford, James Fagan, Liam Cleary, Kathleen Lynch, Eileen Cameron, Thomas O'Neill, Eric Holden, John Kaminski, Peter Bostock

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 will be 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 and 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 18 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 August 2nd - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time....** Mass 12noon, Holy Hour 5.30pm. **Week 18 of Ordinary Time Monday, August 3rd... - Friday, August 7th.....** from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer. **Sunday, August 9th, 19th Sunday of the Year** Mass 12 noon, Holy Hour, Benediction, 5.30pm. **Novenas** The Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Tuesday. The Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Friday, as it will be the First Friday. **Special Novena to the Sacred Heart.** This Novena is being prayed nightly before the Blessed Sacrament, 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**

Our Lady Help of Christians church, East Meadway, will be opening for private prayer on Saturdays 8th and 15th. August from 10am-11am and 5pm-6pm and on Sundays 9th and 16th. August from 10am-11am. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with stewarding.

Our Parish Pilgrimage to Italy is still going ahead, from 6th-13th. June 2021. I am hoping it will be a joint Sheldon- Banbury pilgrimage! It is not too late to join. Return flight Birmingham-Rome, 3 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi, 2 nights in San Giovanni price: £1,147 per person sharing. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Fr Kamil, myself, and, of course, Fr Dougal, are very grateful for all the kindness and support we are continuing to receive from you. Thanks also to all our volunteer helpers.

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