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**ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9<sup>th</sup>.. August 2020**



**St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch**  
Windrush Close, B92 8QL  
Tel: 0121 743 5675.  
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 transmitted using Facebook

<b>Sat</b>	5.30pm	Mary Hanratty, RIP
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Mary Gately ints
	10.30am	Padraig and Mary Folan, RIP anniv
<b>Mon</b>	9.30am	Philomena Philips ints <b>No Facebook Mass this evening</b>
		<b>Memorial of St Clare</b>
<b>Tue</b>	5.30pm	Mary Litchfield ints
	7.00pm	Margaret McGrory and Bernadette Miles RIP
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Special Intention
	7.00pm	John McHugh RIP
<b>Thu</b>	5.30pm	Kathleen Cook RIP
	7.00pm	Patrick Lynch RIP <b>Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</b>
<b>Fri</b>	9.30am	Joe Evans RIP
	7.00pm	John Boyle 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.  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
([www.twoinnflashed.org.uk](http://www.twoinnflashed.org.uk))  
**Reflection for Married Couples**  
Walking on water....falling through fear

Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus

**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**

<b>Sat</b>	5.30pm	Mary Vaughan RIP
	8.30am	Denis Cleary RIP
	10.30am	John Gill snr, John Gill Jnr, Pauline Gill RIP

**Recently Deceased** May they rest in peace  
Margaret McGrory, Funeral Mass, Mon Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am  
Gerard Cooke, Mary Hessian

**Congratulations to Patrick and Lucinda Doherty who were married in our church this week.**

**August: Month of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Confessions** will be available in our church on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, from **10.00am-11.00am**. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used. We welcome into the family of our parish **Freya Coton and Alaiah Lewars, baptised** here last week. (Under coronavirus restrictions, a maximum of 30 people are allowed to be present at a Baptism.)

Please pray for the members of our RCIA group who are to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.30pm Mass this Saturday

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.

**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 Tidswell, 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, Molly Cahillane

**ANNIVERSARIES** Rev Basil Lynch, Rev Michael Day, Rev Denis Manion, Rev John Clavin, Mgr Canon Bernard Manion, Rev Thomas Dennison, Rev Michael Francis McGrath, Richard Brooks, Maureen Thatcher, Catherine Gray, Catherine Gallagher, Peter Hayden, Marina Melito, Jean Herrick, James Whelan, Margaret O'Sullivan, Joseph Farrelly, John McGrory, Maureen Mills

**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 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](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.com) or [www.birminghamdiocese.org](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org) for more information

**Week 19 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of Ordinary Time....** Mass 12noon, Holy Hour 5.30pm. **Week 19 of Ordinary Time Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.... - Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.....** from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer. **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.** Sunday of the Year Mass 12 noon, Devotions, 5.30pm. **Novenas** The Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Tuesday. From August 14<sup>th</sup>, to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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**

**Our Lady Help of Christians church, East Meadway, will be opening for private prayer on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, August from 10am-11am and 5pm-6pm and on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, August from 10am-11am. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with stewarding.**

**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 the anonymous donor of this week's flowers. Thanks also for all your continuing support.

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