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ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11th December 2016

Year A



St. Andrew's Primary School & Nursery,
Windrush Close, Solihull B92 8QL
Tel: 0121 743 5675.
Head teacher Mr. David Naughton

Masses:

Sat	5:30pm	Denis Collins, RIP Anniv.
Sun	8:30am	Ray Hughes, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Brian Gisborne, RIP Anniv.
Mon	9:15am	Baby Tomas Kelly & his family.
Tues		<i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>
	9:15am	Margaret O'Connor, RIP Anniv.
	7:00pm	Ann Rafferty RIP (50 th Anniv) Deceased of Rafferty Family
Wed		<i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>
		No Morning Mass
	7:00pm	Ann Turner, RIP Anniv.
Thur	10:00am	Funeral Mass, Frank Lyons
	7:00pm	David O'Gorman RIP
Fri	10:00am	Funeral Mass, Maria Bien
	7:00pm	Thomas Larkin RIP Anniv. & Catherine Larkin RIP
Sat	9:00am	Fred Shedy, RIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tues 7pm during Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration Mon 9:45am-12:15pm. Fri 6-6:55pm, Sat 4:25-5:05pm.
Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon, Tue 9am. Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Sat 9:30-10:00am. 4:30-5:00pm.

Recently Deceased:
Frank Lyons (Hollyhurst Grove) Reception Wed. 14th. December, 6:30pm, Funeral Mass Thurs 15th. Dec, 10:00am
Maria Bien (Anne Marie Howes Centre, formerly of Olorenshaw Road) Funeral Mass, Fri 16th Dec 10:00am.
Douglas Duffy (Pettyfield Close, Common Lane) *May they rest in peace.*

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year made a total, after expenses, of **£3,159.36 + Piety Stall £200 = Total £3359.36** Many thanks once again to everyone who helped and supported in so many ways. The prize winners list is in the porch

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Sean Hyland, RIP
Sun	8:30am	Michael Lynch, RIP
	10:30am	Jimmy Gaffney, RIP

Carols Around the Wards ~ Full details in the porch.

If anyone is able to join in this event at Heartlands Hospital on Monday 19th December please let Fr John know so we can give the hospital numbers.

We welcome into the family our parish **Wynnie Murphy** and **Ella Richardson** who were baptised here last weekend.

Last chance for **Two Left Feet** (adult Caeli Dancing) before Christmas- this Monday in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

Season of Advent

Please come and join us on Tuesday Evenings for an hour of prayer, Mass with Novena at 7:00pm, followed by exposition of the blessed Sacrament until 8:00pm with reflections on Amoris Laetitia by Pope Francis, finishing with night prayer and Benediction at 8:00pm

Confirmation Preparation Group – Sunday 18th December 2016., 9:30am in the upper room.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

4th December

Gift Aid £193.08 ~ Non-Gift Aid £457.39
Poor Parishes Fund £461.77

This Weekend ~ Father Hudson's Society
Next Weekend Retiring collection for the clergy training fund

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote

This week's Jackpot: **£1,150**

Result for 6/12/2016

06-18-19-22

Next draw, **Tues 13th December**

6:30pm in the presbytery



Dates for your Diary:

Parish Carol Service – Sunday 18th Dec. 5:00pm.
After the Service please join us for refreshments and mince pies in the Hall, and the Hamper Raffle Draw.
Advent Penitential Service – Monday 19th Dec. 7:00pm
St Stephen's Day – Monday 26th Dec 10:00am.
Enrolment of Altar Servers in the St Stephens Guild.
New Year Holy Hour – Saturday 31st December, 11pm concluding at midnight with benediction.
Epiphany Party – Saturday 7th Jan 2017 after 5:30pm
Mass. Drinks (alcoholic & non alcoholic) will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet in the porch next weekend, so that you can kindly indicate what food item(s) you can bring. There will be a free Bingo!

Marriage Preparation Facilitators, Qualified Counsellors & Coordinator Needed! To volunteer with us and help us in our mission to support couples, please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk. More details in the Porch!

Prayers at Christmas

Please write a prayer intention on a Christmas tree decoration beside the tree in the porch. The intentions will be prayed for at the Christmas Masses

Train to Teach Information Evening at **Bishop Challoner School**, Institute Road, Kings Heath. 13th. Dec, 6pm-8pm.
Visit teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



TODAY'S THE DAY

Over 60's Christmas Lunch

1:30 for 2:00pm - St Andrew's school
Don't forget to bring your own alcohol if you fancy a tipple.

Church Wardens: I am very grateful to the parishioners who work behind the scenes at our weekend Masses, to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Could I meet with you briefly after the weekend Masses (whatever Mass you attend) in the sacristy over the weekend 10th/11th December, in order to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Masses. Thanks!

The Governors of St Augustine's Catholic Primary school, Whitefields Road, Solihull are seeking to appoint a School Caretaker from Jan 2017. For more info, contact Mrs Tina Wilmott on 0121-705-4355

Ecumenical Carols at Tesco, Lyndon Road, Sat Dec 17th, 11am-12noon. Please come along and help spread the true spirit of Christmas

St Thomas More School have places available in their Reception and Year 2 Classes. For more information, please contact Sr Susan.

Annual Pro-Life All Night Vigil, Tues 27th Dec 10:00pm. concluding with Mass of the Holy Innocents, Wed Dec 28th, 6:00am at Olton Friary. St Bernard's Road. Olton

Parish Societies:

SVP – First Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45pm
Thursday Lunch Club Resumes in January
Youth Group – Friday Dec 16, Disco!
Choir Practice Tues 9:45am
Journey in Faith – Mondays 7pm

Rotas for 18th December:

Readers:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Cleaning: M.McGrory, M.Wilks

5:30pm Team B

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Brasses: M.McGrory, A.Perkins

8:30am Team B

8:30am Team A

10:30 am Team G

10:30 am Team C

Counting: A.Aulton, A.Corkery, M.Winspear

Refreshments after Sun 10:30 Mass. Please support! Proceeds to Acons and SVP

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Cornelius McKay, Pam Firkins, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Kathleen Fahy, Joseph Lockington, Sally Woodcock, Joan Morris, Charlie Fogarty, Montana Coughlan, Clara Bett, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Camron Cuddihy, Vera King, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Ettie Devine, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Fred Whitehouse, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Anne Cleary, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, John Bond, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Mary Morris, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Bernie O'Gorman, Rita Deehan, Nora Mills, Michael Ward, Ami Mucklow, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Margaret Casey, Jack Baker, Anne O'Meara, Danny Moore, Peter Bradford. Santhamma Abraham, Pamela Smith. Mary Cusack, Catherine Byrne, Martha Burton, Mary Hill, Kathleen Widdop, Michael Ruane **ANNIVERSARIES:** Mgr Drinkwater, Fr Gallacher, Fr Browne, Fr Barlow, Fr Griffith, Fr Rowland, Fr Ryan, Fr McKiernan, Fr Kavanagh, Deacon Salter, Deacon Atkinson, Mgr Navin, Fr O'Connell, Jerry O'Callaghan, Ann Hewson, James Reilly, Thomas Davis, John Barrett, Anthony McGinn, Patricia Hayden, Charlotte Thomas, Maureen Gardner, Bridget Maher, Michael Hollywood, Joseph Forletta, Colin Morris, Thomas Larkin, Margaret Murphy, Norah O'Reilly, Francis Gallagher, Paul Dixon, James Gaffney, Ivy Howell, Jeremiah Horgan, Kathleen Horgan, Denis Hurlay, Mary Dunne.