


ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

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<p><i>Parish Schools:</i> St. Thomas More Primary, Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Head teacher Sr. Susan Collins.</p>	<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 13th December 2015 – Year C Year of Consecrated Life: November 30th 2014 - February 2nd 2016</p>	 <p>St. Andrews Primary & Nursery, Windrush Close, Solihull B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head teacher Mr. David Naughton</p>
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Masses:

Sat	5.30pm	Trudi Pimm, RIP Anniv
Sun	8:30am	Michael Smith, RIP
	10:30am	Brian Gisborne, RIP Anniv
Mon		<i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>
	9:15am	John Deehan, RIP
Tues	10:00am	Anna Denley (intentions)
	7:00pm	Rafferty Family, RIP Anniv Evening of Recollection
Wed	9.15am	Thomas Larkin, RIP Anniv.
Thur	9.15am	People of the Parish (St. Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Carmel Dunne, RIP Anniv.
Fri	9:00am	LML Group
	<i>n.b.</i>	No Evening Mass
Sat	11:00am	Liz Mulvaney, Sick

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tuesday PM during Mass. **Rosary** is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration Sat 4:25-5:05pm, and during Evening of Recollection
Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon, Wed 9:00am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sat 9:45-10:15am. 4:30- 5:00pm.

Christmas Services 2015

Sunday 20th	Carol Service, 5:00pm
Monday 21st	Mass (funeral) 10:45am Penitential Service 7:00pm
Tuesday 22nd	Mass (funeral) 10am
Wednesday 23rd	Mass 9:00am followed by Confessions
Christmas Eve	Mass, 9:00am then Confessions Confessions 2:00-3:00pm First Mass of Christmas, 5:30pm Midnight Mass 12:00am preceded by carols from 11:30pm
Christmas Day	Masses, 8:30am & 10:30am
Feast of St Stephen (Dec 26th)	Mass at 10:00am. Enrolment of Altar Servers in the St Stephen's Guild
New Year's Eve	Holy Hour 11:00pm concluding with Benediction at Midnight
New Year's Day	Mass 10:00am preceded by confessions (1 st Friday, from 9:30am)

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5.30pm	Hugh Prunty, RIP Anniv.
Sun	8.30am	Sean Hyland, RIP
	10.30am	Jimmy Gaffney, RIP Anniv.

Recently Deceased
Pauline Gill (Cranes Park Rd) Reception Sun 20th Dec, 6:30pm, Funeral Mass, Mon 21st Dec 10:45 am
Denis Collins (Berryfield Rd), Funeral Mass, Tues 22nd Dec, 10:00am.
May they Rest in Peace

Mass with Anointing of the Sick: Later Date and time! Saturday December 19th, 2015, 11:00 am. If anyone would like transport so that they can attend this Mass, please let Fr John know.

We Welcome into the family of our parish **Jake Parke** who was baptised here last weekend.

Annual Pro Life Vigil
 In reparation for the evil of abortion from 10pm Sun 27 Dec to finish with Mass at 6am on Mon 28 Dec (Mass of the Holy Innocents) at Olton Friary, St Bernard's Rd. All Welcome!

Parish Carol Service
Sunday Dec 20th., 5pm
 followed by Mince pies and the Hamper Raffle draw!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-
Sunday 13th Dec:- Over 60's Christmas Lunch, St Andrew's school
Tuesday 15th Dec:- Advent Evening of Recollection 7pm-9pm.
Friday 18th Dec:- "Jingle all the way" Theatre Production in Church.
Saturday 19th Dec: Carols outside Tesco, Lyndon Road, 10:30am
Saturday 2nd Jan: Parish Christmas Season Party after 5:30pm Mass.

School Carol Services in church
 Both our schools are holding their Carol Services in the church this year:
 St Andrew's, Tues Dec 15th., 6pm
 St Thomas More's, Thurs Dec 17th., 6pm

Parish Christmas Season Party
Saturday, January 2nd., 2016, after the 5:30 pm Mass. Drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be provided. Party-goers are asked to bring food items. There will be a sign-up sheet in the porch for you to indicate what food items you can bring. All are welcome!

"Jingle all the Way" – a Seasonal Production by **Rise Theatre Group**
 It is a series of sketches, reflecting on the True Meaning of Christmas. It is taking place at St Thomas More's church, on Friday December 18th., 7pm. Tickets: £7 adult, £5 child and concessions. £20 family ticket (4 people). Profits will go to support Team Tommy, as they prepare for the World Youth Day in Krakow.


PARISH BAZAAR
 This year made a total, after expenses, of **Stalls £3,530.92 + Piety Stall £212.70 = Total £3,743.62.**
 Many thanks once again to everyone who helped and supported in so many ways. Lists of what was raised from each stall and raffle prize winners can be found in the porch.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
6th December
 Gift Aid £192.49 ~ Non-Gift Aid £477.18
 Poor Parishes ~ £420.22
This Weekend ~ Retiring Collection for Clergy Training Fund

Christmas Lunch at St Andrew's School
Windrush Close, Solihull, B92 8QL
 Please arrive at 1:30pm for pre-dinner drinks - Lunch will be served from 2:00pm
 The Junior playground will be open for parking. Don't forget your alcohol if you fancy a tipple

Parish Societies:
SVP – First Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thursday 7:30pm.
Thursday Club resumes in January
Youth Group – resumes in January
Choir Practice Tues Dec 15th., 10:45am
Journey in Faith - Monday 7pm
Confirmation Class – Sun Dec 20th., 9:30am Upper Room

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote
 The Jackpot this week is **£1,050**
 Result for 08/12/2015
04-05-08-18
 Next draw, Tues 15th Dec 6:30pm



Rotas for 20th Dec				Refreshments after 10:30 Sunday Mass this week- PLEASE SUPPORT!
Readers:	5:30pm Team D	8:30am Team E	10:30 am Team D	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	5:30pm Team D	8:30am Team A	10:30 am Team E	
Cleaning: S.Garner, A.Cassidy	Brasses: T & R Somerville	Counters: F.Perkins, M.McGrory, T.McGrory		

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Cornelius McKay, Pam Firkins, Theresa O'Shea, Katie Hobday, Hannah Lynch, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Kathleen Fahy, Joseph Lockington, Sally Woodcock, Joan Morris, Charlie Fogarty, Montana Coughlan, Clara Bett, Barry Harte, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Camron Cuddihy, Vera King, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tidswell, Freya Williams, Ettie Devine, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Margaret Simcox, Michael Ruane, Gary Hinks, Fred Whitehouse, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Anne Cleary, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, Jackie Gallagher, John Bond, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Mary Morris, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessler, Lynn, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Bernie O'Gorman, Rita Deehan, Beryl McGrory, Nora Mills, Michael Ward, Frank Maguire, Ami Mucklow, Jeanette Kilmartin, **ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Barlow, Fr Griffith, Fr Rowland, Fr Ryan, Fr McKiernan, Fr Kavanagh, Deacon Salter, Deacon Atkinson, Mgr Navin, Fr O'Connell, Fr O'Connor, Fr O'Meara, Charlotte Thomas, Maureen Gardner, Bridget Maher, Michael Hollywood, Joseph Forlenta, Colin Morris, Thomas Larking, Margaret Murphy, Norah O'Reilly, Francis Gallagher, Paul Dixon, James Gaffney, Ivy Howell, Jeremiah Horgan, Kathleen Horgan, Denis Hurley, Mary Dunne., Timothy Byng, John Duffy, John Walsh, Patrick Caffrey, Jean Rigby.