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<b>St. Thomas More Primary Sch.</b> Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Headteacher: Mrs Kate Madia		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - A</b>		 <b>St. Andrew's Primary &amp; Nursery Sch</b> Windrush Close, B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly																									
<b>Masses</b> <b>Sat</b> 5:30pm Sarah Tempest, RIP Anniv. <b>Sun</b> 8:30am John Smith, RIP 10:30am Jimmy Gaffney, RIP Anniv <b>Mon</b> 9:15am Alex Beard, RIP 6:30pm Thomas Larkin, RIP Anniv. <b>Tue</b> 11:30am Funeral Mass, Mary Crean <b>Wed</b> 6:30pm Maura Bresnihan, RIP 9:15am Ivy Stone & Family 7:00pm Eileen & Henry Turriff, RIP Anniv. <b>Thu</b> 9:15am People of the Parish (St Andrew's School) 7:00pm Kevin Smith, RIP <b>Fri</b> 9:00am Kathleen Beale, Ints 7:00pm Hugh Prunty, RIP Anniv. <b>Sat</b> 10:30am Peggy Burke, RIP		<b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> - Tuesday during 6:30pm Mass. <b>Rosary</b> is recited daily after Morning Mass. <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Mon 9:45-11:00am, Sat 4:25-5:05pm <b>Morning Prayer of the Church:</b> Mon, Wed, 9am. <b>Sacrament of Confession:</b> Sat, 9:45-10:15am, 4:30-5:00pm.		<b>Parish Societies:</b> <b>SVP</b> – Second Saturdays, 9:45am <b>Legion of Mary</b> Thurs 7:45pm <b>Choir Practice</b> Mon Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> . 6:30pm <b>Thursday Club</b> next meeting Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> . <b>RCIA:</b> Monday, 7pm, Dougal's Den																									
<b>Mass Intentions for Next Weekend</b> <b>Sat</b> 5:30pm Maureen McDonnell, RIP Anniv. <b>Sun</b> 8:30am Michael & Nancy Doody, RIP Anniv. 10:30am Andrew & David O’Gorman, RIP		<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> – There will be enrolment of new servers in the Guild of St Stephen at 10am Mass on St Stephen’s Day, 26 <sup>th</sup> December.		<b>Legion of Mary –General Meeting Times</b> <b>Adult Group</b> – Thurs Eves 7:45pm <b>Junior Group</b> – Friday Eves 6:00pm Both meet in the Parish Centre. <b>School Groups:</b> <b>St Andrew’s</b> Fri 3:45pm <b>St Thomas More’s</b> Mondays 3:30pm																									
<b>Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace</b> <b>Mary Crean</b> Reception, Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5:45pm, Funeral Mass, Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 11:30am. <b>Patti Rooney, Nora Mills, Alex Beard, Lesley Buckley</b>		<b>Patricians Discussion Group</b> – Next meeting, Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:45pm. Topic ‘The Connection between the Old Testament & the New Testament.		<b>Parish Christmas Lunch</b> I am very grateful to all who prepared and served our delicious Christmas meal last Sunday. Thanks also for the entertainment!																									
		<b>‘Carols around the Wards’</b> at Heartlands Hospital, Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr John know by 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.		<b>Mass with Anointing of the Sick</b> Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 10:30am. Please let us know if you would like transport. Devotions in honour of St. Peregrine from 10:15am																									
		<b>World Gifts from CAFOD</b> – Ideas for Christmas gifts? Please take the info leaflet from the porch.		<b>ADVENT 2019</b> The Walk With Me Books are still available. Buy One, Get One Free and pass on to a person who might not be presently going to church.																									
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<b>First Mass of Christmas</b>		<i>5:30pm</i>																											
<b>Mass at Midnight</b>		<i>preceded by Carols 11:30pm</i>																											
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<b>Feast of St Stephen</b>		<i>Mass at 10:00am</i>																											
<b>Christmas Cards &amp; Gifts available from the Piety Stall.</b>		<b>St Thomas More’s Youth Group</b> For youth from Year 5 upwards See poster on the youth group board in the porch for details. More leaders are needed. Please see Fr John or Steve Fleming.																											
<b>St. Thomas More’s Parish Tote</b> At last we have a Jackpot Winner Congratulations to <b>Annie Kidd</b> Who has scooped the <b>£3,000!</b> <b>JACKPOT NOW £500</b> Result for 10.12.19 <b>03-05-08-24</b> Next draw will take place on <b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec before Funeral Mass.</b>		<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS</b> <b>08/12</b> - GA £113.35 Non-GA £458.15 Poor Parishes £395.17 <b>This Weekend</b> – Children’s Liturgy Group																											
<b>SICK:</b> Hugh Murphy, Chris O’Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter Fahy, 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, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O’Sullivan, Elaine Collins, 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, Baby Jacob, Anne O’Donnell, Justin Bull, Padraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, Margaret Bond, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Marie Ryan, Caelan McGurk, Teresa & Des Duffy, William O’Donnell, Carol Peglar, Majella Wynne, Adam Hyde, Joe Evans, Jacob, Kerry & Carmel Smith, Kath Beales		<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Fr McKiernan, Fr Kavanagh, Deacon Salter, Deacon Atkinson, Mgr Navin, Fr O’Connell, Fr O’Connor, Fr O’Meara, Colin Morris, Thomas Larkin, Margaret Murphy, Norah O’Reilly, Francis Gallagher, Paul Dixon, James Gaffney, Nancy French, Ivy Howell, Jeremiah Horgan, Kathleen Horgan, Denis Hurley, Mary Dunne, Timothy Byng, John Duffy, John Walsh, Patrick Caffrey, Jean Rigby, Teresa Kelly, John Carlin, Margaret O’Doherty, John Campabell, Hugh Prunty, James Downes, Mary Delaney, Margaret Hemming, Christine Coady, Denis Lowe, Catherine Rooney, Maureen McDonnell, James Grady, Patrick Daly		<b>Advent Penitential Service-</b> Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm.																									
				<b>GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 2019...Takes place after the Carol Service in the parish centre Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>																									
				<b>Journey in Faith meets every Monday at 7:00pm in the parish centre. Are you an adult who has not been baptised? Do you know someone interested in baptism? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Maybe you simply wish to deepen your own faith? All most welcome.</b>																									
				<b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS:</b> <b>Parish Carol Service</b> - Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> . Dec, 5pm followed by <b>Grand Prize Draw.</b> <b>Penitential Service:</b> Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> . Dec, 7pm <b>All Night Vigil</b> – in Reparation for abortion, Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00pm-6:30am (concluding with Mass of the Holy Innocents, 6:00am) <b>New Year’s Eve Holy Hour</b> - 11:00pm-midnight Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <b>Parish Epiphany Party</b> –Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6:30pm																									
				<b>Sycamore Course</b> - A new Advent Course at St Ambrose Barlow’s church, Lakey Lane, Hall Green, B28 8QU. Next session, Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> . December at 7pm- “The Power of Prayer.” See poster for more details.																									
				The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one day course on Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Don Bosco House in Coleshill for school leaders working outside the faith sector, who are interested in applying for a leadership post in a Catholic School. Please contact Charlotte Kirby <a href="mailto:c.kirby@bdes.org.uk">c.kirby@bdes.org.uk</a> to book a place.																									
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