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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st December 2019 - A



St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch
Windrush Close, B92 8QL
Tel: 0121 743 5675.
Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

Masses		
Sat	5:30pm	Fitzgerald Family
Sun	8:30am	Peter Handel, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Andrew Duffy, RIP Anniv.
Mon	9:15am	Brian Hammond, Ints
	6:30pm	Michael Daly, RIP Anniv.
Tue		<i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier</i>
	9:00am	Edmund & Catherine Cullinan, RIP
	7:00pm	Sullivan Family
Wed	9:00am	The Families of Edmund & Catherine Cullinane
	7:00pm	Lloyd & Freda Thomas, RIP Anniv.
Thu		<i>Feast of St Birinus</i>
	9:15am	People of the Parish (St Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Ann Turner, RIP Anniv.
Fri	9:00am	John Noone, RIP Anniv.
	7:00pm	LML Intentions
Sat		<i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>
	9:00am	Special Intention (Deepa)

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Tuesday during 7:00pm Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration
Mon 9:45-11:00am, 1st Sat Holy Hour, 9:30-10:30am Sat 4:25-5:00pm
Morning Prayer of the Church:
Mon 9am, Tue, Fri, Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession:
1st Fri 6:30-7:00pm, 1st Sat, 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.
Talk on Baptism Mon 6pm in Church.

Parish Societies:
SVP - Second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45pm
Choir Practice Tues 6:30pm in church
Thursday Club Thurs from 1pm
RCIA: Monday, 7pm, Dougal's Den

Legion of Mary - General Meeting Times
Adult Group - Thurs Eves 7:45pm
Junior Group - Friday Eves 6:00pm
Both meet in the Parish Centre.
School Groups:
St Thomas More's Mondays 3:30pm
St Andrew's Fridays 3:45pm

ADVENT 2019 The Walk With Me Books are now available. The usual Buy One, Get One Free offer applies. If you buy a booklet for £1, please take an additional copy Free of Charge, to pass on to a person who might not be presently going to church.

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 2019....
1st Prize; £500
2nd Prize; 1 year membership at 'The Gym', Sheldon
Plus Days Out, Gift Cards, Gadgets & much more.
Raffle Tickets Now on sale 50p each or a book of 5 for £2
DONATIONS LIST IN THE PORCH
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Bernie Barrett, RIP
Sun	8:30am	Ray Hughes RIP Anniv & Brian Gisborne RIP Anniv
	10:30am	Mary & Jimmy Early, RIP Anniv.

Recently Deceased:
Carole Murray, Funeral Mass, Wed 11th December 10:30am.
Ellen Hartle, Reception Thurs 12th December, 6:30pm, Funeral Mass, Fri 13th December 2pm
Mary Crean Reception, Mon 16th Dec 6:00pm, Funeral Mass, Tues 17th Dec, 11:30am.
May they rest in peace.

We welcome in to the family of our parish **Aria & Isaac Dempsey** who were baptised here last week.

Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Pilgrimage.
1st-8th June, 2020. Return flight Birmingham to Rome, 3 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi and 2 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo. forms available from the presbytery. Price: **£1,147** per person sharing, half board. **Still chance to book at this price! (£250 deposit).**

THE SOWER
Copies of the Advent edition of our diocesan magazine are available in the porch, free of charge. Please take and distribute amongst your friends and families

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Many Thanks to everybody who helped, thank you for all the generous donations and support. The full amount raised will be given in next week's newsheet
GRAND PRIZE DRAW TICKETS STILL ON SALE

General Election 2019 - There is information in the porch from SPUC regarding using our vote wisely in the forthcoming general election.

Prepare the Way, An Advent & Christmas Celebration with Jo Boyce & Friends, St Thomas More, Sun 8th December 6:30pm. See poster in the porch.

'Carols around the Wards' at Heartlands Hospital, Mon, 16th Dec. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr John know by 4th Dec.

Year of the Word - The God Who Speaks.

This special year will run from the First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020. There will be a Scriptural reflection in our newsletter every week:
First Sunday of Advent: Walk in the light of the Lord
God's Word is clear- we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-to-day lives. To live in the present moment more often, we need to apply to ourselves today's call from Jesus to "stay awake."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:
Christmas Lunch - Sun 8th, Dec, 1pm
Advent Concert - Sun 8th, Dec., 6:30pm
Parish Carol Service - Sun 15th, Dec, 5pm followed by *Grand Prize Draw*.
Penitential Service: Tues 17th, Dec, 7pm

St Thomas More's Youth Group EVERY FRIDAY 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.

Ecumenical Carols for Christmas - Saturday, 14th December.
Meet at Lyndon Road Methodist Church at 10:00am for the **BIG BREAKFAST**. Carols at 11:00am inside Tesco's, Lyndon Rd

Parish Christmas Lunch Sunday 8th December
In the Parish Centre
Aperitifs from 1:00pm Lunch at 1:30. Catering for 60, Tickets now available at £3 per person,
WARNING
this event sells out extremely quickly,
'If you snooze you lose'



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
24/11 - GA £156.00 ~ Non-GA £442.18
This Weekend - IHOM Sisters
Next Weekend - Poor Parishes Fund

ADVENT TIME OF PRAYER at St Thomas More's
Tuesday Evening, 3rd December.
7:00pm Mass - 7:30pm Exposition & Reflection - 7:50pm Night Prayer & Benediction

Deanery Vocations Group,
Tuesday 3rd Dec, 8:00pm in the presbytery. All Welcome.

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.

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £3,000
Result for 26.11.19
09-11-21-24
Next draw will take place On **Tue 3rd Dec after morning Mass.**



Sycamore Course
A new Advent Course at St Ambrose Barlow's church, Lakey Lane, Hall Green, B28 8QU. Next session, Monday 2nd, December at 7pm- "A God who speaks." See poster in the porch for more details.

SICK: 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, Nora Mills, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tidswell, Freya Williams, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine Collins, Lillian 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 and Patty Rooney, Kath Beales

World Gifts from CAFOD - Ideas for Christmas gifts? Please take the information leaflet from the porch.

ANNIVERSARIES: Archbishop Illsley, Fr Macfarlane, Fr Relph, Fr Knight, James Early, Kevin Geary, Iris Kirkland, Edmund McGuire, Peter Handel, Peter Lyons, Michael Daly, Margaret Cotter, Thomas Jones, Brian Gisborne, John McGeough, Elizabeth Colliton, Mary Long, Albert O'Connor, Ray Hughes, Kathleen Young, Irene Gould, Trudy Pimm, Nelly Mullane, Terence Hughes, Eliza Turner, John Noone, Bernadette Barrett, Michael Mortimer, Cyril Higgins, Rozalia Futo, Denis Collins.

Next parish **BINGO!**
Saturday, December 7th, Parish Centre- Eyes Down, 7pm.

Rotas 8th December

	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	B	A	D
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	A	D	C
Cleaning:	M.McGrory, C.Odilo		
Counting:	G.Cassidy, L.Dean, M.Hayes		
Brasses	J & A Perkins		