


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>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 20th 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	Hugh Prunty, RIP Anniv	
Sun	8:30am	Sean Hyland, RIP	
	10:30am	Jimmy Gaffney, RIP Anniv.	
Mon	10:45am	Funeral Mass, Pauline Gill	
	6:30pm	Garvey Family	
Tues	10:00am	Funeral Mass, Denis Collins	
Wed	9.00am	Margaret & Sam Somerville, RIP	
Thur			<i>Christmas Eve</i>
	9.00am	Gerard O'Malley, RIP	
	5:30pm*	Mae McLoughlin, RIP	
	Midnight*	People of the Parish	
Fri			<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
	8:30am*	Jerry Creighton, RIP	
	10:30am*	Maureen McDonnell, RIP Anniv	
Sat			<i>Feast of St Stephen</i>
	10:00am	Albert & Mary Nicholls, RIP	

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tuesday PM with Benediction. **Rosary** is recited daily after Morning Mass. **Eucharistic Adoration** during Monday night's Penitential service
Morning Prayer of the Church: Wed, Thurs 8:45am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation See Christmas Services.

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	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	Howard, Josie & Noel Whittall, RIP
Sun	8.30am	Bridie Evans, RIP Anniv.
	10.30am	David Fletcher, RIP

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

We Welcome into the family of our parish **Hayden Timbrell** and **Macie-Leigh Moran-Stokes** who were baptised here last weekend.

Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to **John Connors** and **Martina Dunne** who were confirmed here last week, as they prepare for marriage

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!

Taize Prayer Service New Year's Eve at Olton Friary, St Bernard's Road, Olton.. Starting at 9pm on December 31st in the Friary, with Mass at 10:00pm. This Taize prayer service is part of their Parish Jubilee Year of Mercy programme. It will be a quiet, reflective prayer time, using Bible readings, singing Taize chants, and using times of silence. All welcome!

Catholic Directories are now on Sale at the Piety Shop - £2.50

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
13th December
 Gift Aid £190 ~ Non-Gift Aid £575.88
 The collection on Christmas Day will be the customary collection for your parish priest. Christmas Offering envelopes are available.

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote
 The Jackpot this week is
£1,100
 Result for 22/12/2015
03-07-09-24
 Next draw, Tues 22nd Dec 6:30pm



Christmas Lunch at St Andrew's School
 A Big thank you to all who prepared our lovely Christmas Lunch. Many people worked very hard behind the scenes to provide a splendid afternoon – with a big thank you to the children who entertained us with their dancing and singing. Thanks also to Mr Naughton and the staff of St Andrew's who facilitated us so well.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-
Sunday Dec 20th., 5pm Parish Carol Service followed by Mince pies and the Hamper Raffle draw!
Saturday 2nd Jan: Parish Christmas Season Party after 5:30pm Mass.

Christmas Prayer Intentions Please write a prayer intention on a decoration of the porch Christmas tree. These intentions will be prayed for at Masses during the Christmas season

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 Societies:
SVP – First Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary this week Wednesday, 7pm
Thursday Club resumes in January
Youth Group – resumes in January
Choir Practice Mon Dec 21st., 10:00am
Journey in Faith - resumes on Jan 4th., 7pm
Confirmation Class – Sun Dec 20th., 9:30am

Rotas for 27th Dec	5:30pm Team E	8:30am Team A	10:30 am Team E	
Readers:	5:30pm Team A	8:30am Team B	10:30 am Team A	Refreshments after 10:30 Sunday Mass this week- PLEASE SUPPORT!
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Counters: C.Carr, V.Titmus, T.Perkins			
Cleaning: M.Folan, B.McDonald				

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 Tideswell, 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:** Mgr Canon Flint, Fr Wall, Fr Ireland, Bishop Thomas, Mgr Gavin, Fr Meagher, John Campbell, Hugh Prunty, James Downes, Mary Delaney, Margaret Hemming, Denis Lowe, Catherine Rooney, Maureen McDonnell, Denise Smyth, Annie Buckley, Daniel McGuire, Hannah White, Stanley Clarke, Maureen Carroll, George Woolley, Bridie Maher, Margaret Brennan, Kathleen Phillips, Anthony Quinn, David Corcoran, Patricia Bowen, Moira Gilsonan, Mary Bostock, Winifred Cross.

