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**ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 22<sup>ND</sup> 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 Maureen McDonnell, RIP Anniv.  
**Sun** 8:30am Michael & Nancy Doody, RIP Anniv.  
 10:30am Andrew & David O'Gorman, RIP  
**Mon** 9:00am Annie Buckley, RIP Anniv  
 Confessions after morning Mass  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**  
 9:00am Somerville Family  
 Confessions after 9:00am Mass and also 2:00-3:00pm  
**First Mass of Christmas**  
 5:30pm Connor Rhodes and  
 Harold, Josie & Noel Whittall, RIP.  
 Preceded by Carols from 11:30pm  
 People of the Parish  
 Midnight Mass  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30am Cath, Thomas & James Larkin, RIP  
 10:30am Jim Conway, RIP  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00am **Feast of St Stephen**  
 Teresa Caffrey, RIP Anniv.  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00am **Feast of St John**  
 Mary & Edmund Conway  
 7:00pm Pat & Anne McGarvey & Family  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:00am **Feast of the Holy Innocents**  
 Deceased of the Mahon Family  
 9:00 am Joanne McMahon and family

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** - Tuesday during 9:00am Mass.  
**Rosary** is recited daily after Morning Mass.  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Mon 9:45-11:00am, Sat 4:25-5:05pm  
**Morning Prayer of the Church:**  
 Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat 8:45am.  
**Sacrament of Confession:**  
 See Christmas Services also  
 Sat, 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.

**Parish Societies:**  
**SVP** - Second Saturdays, 9:45am  
**Legion of Mary** This Thurs 11am  
**Choir Practice** Resumes in January  
**Thursday Club** Resumes in January  
**RCIA:** Next session, Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

**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 Andrew's Fri 3:45pm  
 St Thomas More's Mondays 3:30pm

**Christmas Cards & Gifts and Diocesan Directories £2.50 available from the Pietv Stall**

**Grand Prize Draw & Hamper Raffle.**  
  
 A List of the winning prize numbers are up in the porch.  
*Many thanks to everyone who supported the parish by donating prizes and buying tickets*

**The Christmas Posters** from the Knights of St. Columba are available as you leave church. Please take one and display it in your front window during the Christmas Season.  
**'Proclaiming Christ as the True Reason for the Season'**

**ALTAR SERVERS** - 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.  
 Ten Pin Bowling for Altar Servers- Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will meet at 3pm at Acocks Green Bowl, Westley Road, Acocks Green. Altar servers go free but they must be accompanied by an adult family member.

**Pro Life Vigil** - Fri December 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00pm to Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, concluding with Mass at 6:00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night. Access to the church through the side door. Refreshments available. Spread the Word!

**Mass Intentions for Next Weekend**  
**Sat** 5:30pm Sadie & Pat Kelly & Family  
**Sun** 8:30am Liam & Bridie Evans, RIP  
 10:30am Tom & Anna O'Keefe Ints.

**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.  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent: (Reflection for married couples)**  
 (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)  
 The Gospel relates how Joseph overcame his fears about Mary- and married her! She too had faced her own fears about the future- and said "Yes!" We, too, can have doubts and fears and lack confidence in the future, but like Mary and Joseph we can take courage from our love for each other and God's love for us too.

**Journey in Faith meets on Mondays 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. Resumes Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace**  
**Alex Beard** Funeral Mass, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 12noon  
**Fr John, Fr Kamil, Stephen** and, of course, **Fr Dougal** wish you all every blessing for this forthcoming holy season of Christmas. May the infant of Bethlehem fill our hearts with His Peace.

**Bambinelli Blessing**  
 There will be a blessing of infant Jesus figures at all Christmas Masses.  
**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - 15/12**  
 Gift Aid £186.00 ~Non-GA £480.68  
 Children's Liturgy Group - £260.26  
**Next Weekend** - Retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund  
**The collection taken at the Christmas Services will be the customary collection for your parish clergy. Christmas Offering envelopes are available.**

Our parish crib will be erected on Christmas Eve and will remain up until Candlemas Day, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Our **Crib Offerings** this year will be donated to SIFA Fireside Centre and Friends of the Holy Land

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

**St Thomas More's Youth Group** 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.

**Epiphany Party** - to welcome in the New Year and New Decade, 2020, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January after 5:30pm Mass. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet what food and drink items you can bring....The evening will continue with BINGO, Eyes down 7:30pm

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**  
**All Night Vigil** - 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)  
**New Year's Eve Holy Hour** - 11:00pm-midnight Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec  
**Parish Epiphany Party** - Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6:30pm

**Porch Christmas Tree**  
 Please write an intention on a star or angel and place on the porch Christmas tree. The intentions will be prayed for at the Christmas Masses

**St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £550**  
 Result for 17.12.19  
**02-05-16-17**  
 Next draw will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec After Mass.**

**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, 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 Plesser, 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, Pdraig 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

Christmas flowers donated in memory of **Merryl Galstaun.** May she rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mgr Flint, Fr Wall, Fr Ireland, Bishop Thomas, Mgr Gavin, Fr Meagher, Fr Murphy, Mgr O'Mahoney, Fr McCabe, Fr McInerney, Fr O'Callaghan, Denise Smyth, Annie Buckley, Sarah Tempest, Daniel McGuire, Hannah White, Gary Burke, Stanley Clarke, Maureen Carroll, George Wodley, Bridie Maher, Margaret Brennan, Kathleen Phillips, Anthony Quinn, David Corcoran, Patricia Bowen, Moira Gilsenan, Mary Bostock, Winifred Cross, Henry Turriff, Teresa Caffrey, Leslie McGovern, Gavin Egan, John Bilston, Mary Gibbons.



The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one day course on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 20 20 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 [c.kirby@bdes.org.uk](mailto:c.kirby@bdes.org.uk) to book a place.

Rotas 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
<b>Readers:</b>	E	D	A
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	D	C	A
<b>Cleaning:</b>	S.Garner, A.Cassidy		
<b>Counting:</b>	F.Perkins, M.McGrory, T.McGrory		
<b>Brasses</b>	S.Hall, C.McGrory		