



# PARISH OF ST THOMAS MORE

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

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Year B - 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	<u>NO MASS</u>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Liam & Bridie Evans, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Private Intention.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents	10:30am	Samuel, Margaret & Paul Somerville.
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> St Thomas Becket	10:00am	Rosary & Novena
	10:30am	James O'Brien, RIP Anniv.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	John & Margaret Lyons, RIP Anniv.
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Private Intention.
	6:00pm	Solemn Vespers & Benediction.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10:00am	Eucharistic Adoration
	10:30am	People of the Parish.

Church Opening Times  
w/c 27.12.2020

Church is open Half an Hour before each service.

### CHRISTMAS 2020



New Year's Eve  
Solemn Vespers &  
Solemn Benediction  
6:00pm  
New Year's Day  
Holy Mass 10:30am

**A Spiritual Holy Communion**  
My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of our parish and all who's anniversaries occur at this time.

Retiring collection this weekend for Holy Places

Our Crib Offerings this year will be donated to SIFA Fireside Centre and Friends of the Holy Land

### Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen	10:00am	Jean Cosgrove
	10:30 - 11:00am	Confessions
	5:30pm	John O'Neill, RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feast of the Holy Family	8:30am	William Dempsey, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Alf Hanson, RIP Anniv.

The collection taken at The Christmas Services will be the customary collection for your parish priest. Christmas Offering envelopes are available.

A big thankyou to all who helped in preparing the church for the celebration of Christmas.

All Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube Channel and Facebook Page

*With my prayers for a Blessed & Holy Christmas. Fr Christopher*

### Recently Deceased -

Terence O'Keefe, Requiem Mass, 1:00pm, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December.  
Elizabeth Scott, Requiem Mass, 11:00am, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

*May they rest in peace  
Family members only to attend funeral Masses, Max 30 People.*

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"  
With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.  
To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

Dear Parishioners. Let us turn our gaze anew to the grotto of Bethlehem. The Child whom we contemplate is our salvation! He has brought to the world a universal message of reconciliation and peace. Let us open our hearts to him; let us receive him into our lives. Once more let us say to him, with joy and confidence: "*Veni ad salvandum nos!*" O Lord our God". Come to save us!

*Fr Christopher*

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Thomas More Primary School.  
Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU  
Tel: 0121 743 3289.  
Principal: Mrs Kate Madia

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

**Office Hours:** The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: [stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

The Piety Stall is Now Closed  
If you require Mass Cards Please phone the Parish Office

**Finance** - If you would like to donate regularly to the parish, standing order & Gift Aid forms are available from the office. For more information please call the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367 or you can donate via the button on our website [www.stthomasmorerccchurch.com](http://www.stthomasmorerccchurch.com)