



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 28th December 2025

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

4:30pm – 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Intention

Confessions

John O'Sullivan RIP

SUNDAY 28th

9:00am Holy Mass

10:00am-10:30am

Special Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

Confessions

11:00am Solemn Mass

Deceased of Rooney & O'Reilly Families.

Weekday Masses

Monday 29th

Saint Thomas Becket

11:00am Holy Mass

Joe & Mary Macklin RIP

Tuesday 30th

The Sixth Day Of Christmas

11:00am Holy Mass

Kevin Jones

Wednesday 31st

The Seventh Day Of Christmas

11:00am Holy Mass

Mrs Angell

7:00pm Holy Mass

Thanksgiving Mass for Blessings received during 2025

JANUARY

Thursday 1st

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration

11:00am Holy Mass

Christina Kenny RIP

Friday 2nd

**Saint Basil the Great &
Saint Gregory Nazianzen
THE MOTHER OF GOD**

9:30am Holy Mass

Maria Macklin

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 3rd

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

10:00am Holy Mass

Joe Moclair

THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday for Sunday

4:45pm – 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 4th

9:00am Holy Mass

10:00am-10:30am

Special Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

Confessions

11:00am Solemn Mass

Deceased of Rooney & O'Reilly Families.

Rosary Monday – Friday before morning Mass



Most Holy Family of Nazareth, you were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong. Please bestow upon me, my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love you shared, so that families everywhere will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all. Jesus, I trust in You.

As we honour the Holy Family, one of the best ways to do so is to prayerfully ponder the daily life that the Holy Family shared. Because Scripture does not record many of their family interactions in Nazareth, much is left to our prayerful imagination. What we do know is that human familial virtue within the Holy Family, especially between mother and Son, was at a level of perfection. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life.

The Holy Family began with apparent scandal when Mary became pregnant while betrothed to Joseph. Mary and Joseph suffered through the gossip and misunderstandings this miraculous pregnancy brought with it. Though Joseph learned of this conception from an angel in a dream, it was his faith and righteousness that empowered him to remain faithful to Mary and love her with a pure heart. Their family began in Bethlehem, in poverty and rejection. They then fled to Egypt to protect their Child from the paranoia and cruelty of Herod. They later returned to Nazareth and lived faithfully with family and friends. Jesus learned the trade of woodworking from Joseph, grew in wisdom and knowledge, spoke with the elders in the Temple at the age of twelve, and remained obedient to his earthly parents. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches us that Jesus had direct knowledge of the Beatific Vision from the moment of His conception and had the fullness of infused knowledge. But He also grew in acquired knowledge, learning with a human mind through sensory experience and conceptual understanding. Mary and Joseph watched this growth, participated in it, grew from it themselves, and Mary “pondered all these things in her heart”

As you ponder their inner family dynamics, relationships, and charity, use them as a model of how best to relate to your own family. Some families more fully imitate those sacred virtues; others fall gravely short. Look into your own heart and ask the Holy Family to teach you how to show greater love to those in your family. Though you will never arrive at perfection, you can receive inspiration from their lives, leading to greater growth and unity, making your own family a greater source of strength for your Christian living.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

BAPTISMS

If you would like to arrange a baptism please call the parish office on 0121 743 2367. Monday to Wednesday between 10:30am & 2:30pm

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Breda Hogan, Elizabeth (Lily) Kelly, Ambrose Whyte, Martin De Vreede
Ena Comerford Reception into Holy Family Church, Small Heath, Tuesday 6th January at 6:30pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 7th at 11:00am.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of George & Kate Cassidy.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS Are sponsored In memory of the McGrory Family

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

21.12.25 - Gift Aid: £201.00. Non-Gift Aid: £407.09
Total: £608.09

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Collection taken after St Thomas Mores School Carol Service £250.

PARISH OFFICE - PLEASE NOTE - Whilst waiting for the appointment of a new parish priest, the presbytery will be closed. Any enquiries please telephone 0121 743 2367. If no answer please leave a message. You can also Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk
If you need a priest in an emergency please Contact: **Sacred Heart & Holy Souls** on 0121 706 0800 or **Olton Friary** on 0121 706 0505.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at: sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I wish you a happy and blessed Christmas. Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's gift of love, hope, and salvation to the world.

May the peace of the newborn Christ fill your hearts, your homes, and our parish community. May his light guide us to love one another more deeply.

Thank you for your kindness and welcome.

May God bless you always.

Fr. Michael Nnaji.

PARISH DIARY

JANUARY 2026

New Years Day

Thursday 1st

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

11:00am Holy Mass

Friday 2nd *First Friday*

9:30am Holy Mass

10:00am -11:00am Eucharistic Adoration

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

Candlemas

9:30am Holy Mass



The Church will be open this week;

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st, 9:00am to 2:30pm.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250

Result for 23rd December 2025 - **Winning Numbers 19-01-08-07**

Next Draw Tuesday 30th December.