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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
29th 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	Sadie & Pat Kelly & Family
Sun	8:30am	Liam & Bridie Evans, RIP
	10:30am	Tom & Anna O'Keefe Ints.
Mon	9:00am	Kevin Melody, RIP Anniv.
Tue	9:00am	Maureen Handel, RIP Anniv.
SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD		
Wed	10:00am	Michael Lambe, RIP
MEMORIAL OF SS BASIL and GREGORY		
Thu	9:00am	John Joseph O'Neill, RIP
	7:00pm	Rose Casey, RIP Anniv
Fri	9:00am	Mayos Hurd ints
	7:00pm	Billy O'Brien RIP
Sat	9:00am	Martin Mullins and John Anderson RIP anniv

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Tuesday during 9:00am Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration
New Year's Eve Holy Hour, First Saturday Holy Hour, 9:30-10:30am, Sat 4:25-5:05pm
Morning Prayer of the Church:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession:
First Friday, 6:30pm-7:00pm
Sat, 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.
Talk on Baptism:
Mon, Jan 6th, 6pm in church

Parish Societies:
SVP - Second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45 pm
Choir Practice Resumes in January
Thursday Club Resumes in January
RCIA: Next session, Mon Jan 6th, 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

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Bridget Conringan RIP
Sun	8:30am	William Dempsey RIP anniv
	10:30am	Mary McGill RIP anniv

Thank You
On behalf of Fr Kamil, Stephen, and, of course, Fr Dougal, I would like to say a sincere word of thanks to you all for your most generous Christmas offerings, cards and gifts. I am also most grateful to all who helped make our Christmas celebrations so special- especially those who worked behind the scenes, cleaning and decorating the church. May God continue to bless you and your families throughout the New Year and always. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Epiphany Party on Saturday, January 4th.

Grand Prize Draw & Hamper Raffle.



A Big Thank you to all who supported our Prize Draw. It raised a Magnificent £1,115.76
The Hamper Raffle raised £276.05. Thanks to all who donated prizes, and who helped with the refreshments etc. Congratulations to the Winners!

The sad news of the deaths of 2 leading figures in our Archdiocese was announced over Christmas:
Canon Gerry Breen, former Cathedral Dean and Leader of the Lourdes pilgrimage and **Sr Sabina**, a Selly Park Sister, who developed the SIFA Fireside centre, serving the homeless of our city. May they rest in peace.

Ten Pin Bowling for Altar Servers- Sunday January 5th, 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.

This weekend, Holy Family Sunday, we have a Pastoral Letter from His Grace, Archbishop Bernard

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace
John O'Connell, Funeral Mass, Tues 7th. January, 12.30pm, Our Lady and All Saints, 13 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ
Alex Beard, Funeral Mass, Tues 7th January, 12noon
Nora Mills, Funeral Mass, Fri 10th. January, 12.30pm, The Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, B'ham .
Fr John Ellis

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.

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 6th, 2020**

New Year's Eve Holy Hour
11:00pm, Tuesday 31st. December.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Night Prayer of the Church. Concluding with Benediction at Midnight. All are welcome! Please come and see the New Year in in prayer.

Our parish crib will remain up until Candlemas Day, Feb 2nd.
Our **Crib Offerings** this year will be donated to SIFA Fireside Centre and Friends of the Holy Land

Feast of the Holy Family
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Be kind and gentle when we are making decisions. The readings today challenge us to listen sensitively to each other; to be prepared to let go of our own desires and to be deeply aware of each other's thoughts and feelings as we make our decisions together. For this we need to ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts for the gifts of compassion, understanding, courage and hopefulness.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:
New Year's Eve Holy Hour - 11:00pm-midnight Tuesday 31st Dec
Parish Epiphany Party - Sat 4th Jan, 6:30pm
Christian Unity Service- Sun 19th. Jan. More details next week

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - 22/12
Gift Aid £142.68 ~Non-GA £484.27
This Weekend - Retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund

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

Epiphany Party - to welcome in the New Year and New Decade, 2020, Saturday 4th 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

Porch Christmas Tree
Please continue to write an intention on a star or angel and place on the porch Christmas tree. The intentions are being prayed for at the Christmas Masses

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £600
Result for 23.12.19
03-04-13-15
Next draw will take place on **Monday 30th Dec After Mass.**



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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sun Jan 12th. The families who have had a child baptised during 2019 are being invited to the 10:30 am Mass that Sunday.,

The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one day course on Saturday 11th January 20 20 at Don Bosco House in Colehill 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 to book a place.

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 Plessler, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Aurora-Rose Hennessey, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Padraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, 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 Sharna Smith, Kath Beales

Diocesan Directories £2.50 available from the Piety Stall

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Etherington, Fr Evans, Fr Lynch, Deacon Mason, Joseph Caffrey, Anthony Chedotal, Anthony Clarke, Robert Polke, Stuart Jones, James O'Hanlon, Keith Morris, Spencer Prendergast, Diane Cosgrove, Kathleen Wilson, peter Tracey, James Mooney,, Eileen King, Kevin Melody, Maureen Handel, Margaret Cunniam, Lilian Chamberlain, Vincent Kelly, Mary Dutton, Bridie Evans,, Olga Gaughran, June Moore, Mary Rose, Joan Lancaster, John Wimsey, Francis Duff, Rose Casey.



Rotas 5th. Jan	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	F	A	B
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	A	D	B
Cleaning:	M.Folan, B.McDonald		
Counting:	C.Carr, V.Titmus, T.Perkins		
Brasses			