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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 4th December 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

Intention

John McGrory RIP

Chris Conway Sp.Int.

Mary & Jimmy Early RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 5th Saint Birinus

9:30am Holy Mass

Mary Crean RIP Anniv.

1:15pm – 2:45pm

Saint Andrew's School –

Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday 6th Saint Nicholas

1:15pm – 2:45pm

Saint Thomas More School –

Advent Reconciliation

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Ted Beard & Alex Beard RIP

Wednesday 7th Saint Ambrose

9:30am Holy Mass

Mary Puckrin RIP Anniv.

Thursday 8th

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:30am Holy Mass

Patricia Dryborough RIP

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Matthew O'Brien

Friday 9th Saint Juan Diego

9:30am Holy Mass

Cath Joyce

10:00am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 10th Our Lady of Loreto

10:00am Holy Mass

Alice Simon &

Santhamma Abraham

12noon & 12:45pm Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 11th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Ray Hughes RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Ann & Des O'Rourke RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. In the Gospel of Luke we find her engaged in a service of charity to her cousin Elizabeth, with whom she remained for "about three months"

"Magnificat anima mea Dominum," she says on the occasion of that visit, My soul magnifies the Lord". In these words she expresses her whole program of life: not setting herself at the centre, but leaving space for God, who is encountered both in prayer and in service of neighbour — only then does goodness enter the world. Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

O loving Mother of our Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea,
Hasten to aid thy fallen people who strive to rise once more.

Thou who brought forth thy holy Creator, all creation wond'ring,
Yet remainest ever Virgin, taking from Gabriel's lips
that joyful "Hail!": be merciful to us sinners.

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A L-ma * Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérv-i a cæ-li

porta manes, Et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-

re qui cu-rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu-ísti, na-tú-ra mi-

rán-te, tu-um sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem: Virgo pri-us ac po-

sté-ri-us, Gabri-é-lis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, pecca-

tó-rum mi-se-ré- re.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 13th 6:30pm

Advent is an opportunity to reawaken within ourselves the true meaning of Christmas, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah. By Going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation we truly prepare ourselves for this great Solemnity.

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME"

The booklets are available at the back of church. Please talk one.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

John Sheehan, Francis O'Leary,

Raymond Fullard, John Salt, Rita Mottram

Rosanna Lynch, Helena Harnett

Rosa Farrugia –

Requiem Mass Wednesday 14th Dec. 11:00am

Gloria Freitas –

Requiem Mass Friday 16th Dec. 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Aoife Madden and Pauline & David Rymkiewicz.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

27.11.22 – Gift Aid £111.00. Non-Gift Aid: £380.68
Total £491.64

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Youth Service - £206.89

This Weekend – Poor Parishes Fund

Next Weekend – Church Christmas Decoration

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

**PARISH DIARY
DECEMBER**

Wednesday 14th Saint Thomas More School Advent Carol Service (in Church) 6:00pm

Saturday 17th Rorate Caeli Mass 7:30am.

CHRISTMAS

Saturday 24th **Christmas Eve**

5:30pm Vigil Mass

8:00pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Night

SUNDAY 25th

Christmas Day

9:00am Dawn Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

JANUARY 2023

Saturday 31st **The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

5:30pm Vigil Mass - After Mass until 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration for the New Year

Sunday 1st

Masses 9:00am & 11:00am

SYCAMORE

This is postponed until after Christmas so we can get the lighting in the Saint John Fisher Room fixed. Flashing lights all the time is hopeless.

STEWARDS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need help with all the Christmas Masses to make sure all runs very smoothly. Please can you sign the list in the Sacristy or in the Porch so we know everything is in place. This Ministry of welcome is so important. Also it will be especially important to make sure Holy Communion is organised and therefore the Blessed Sacrament is guarded and protected at all times. Thank you in anticipation.

PIETY SHOP

There is a large collection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Gifts available. Please come and have a browse. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

SAINT ANDREW'S SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT - CANCELLED

47	29	15	25	47	14	55	81	4	22	58	13
85											78
30											33
48											57
37											81
5											26
67											62
8											7
74	43	63	50	79	6	28	34	17	49	10	72

ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 30th November 2022
Winning Numbers 02-17-14-22
No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 7th Decemerm after Mass
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+