



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 7th December 2024

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

4:30pm – 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Intention

Confessions

Trudy Pimm & Henry Quinn RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Ray Hughes &

Brian Gisborne RIP Anniv.

10:00am-10:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Confessions

11:00am Solemn Mass

Martin Cafferty RIP.

Weekday Masses

Monday 8th

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:30am Holy Mass

Saint Thomas More School
Staff & Children.

Tuesday 9th

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 10th

---- NO Mass

Thursday 11th

---- NO Mass

Friday 12th

9:30am Holy Mass

Joan McCarthy

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

10:15am – 10:45am

Confessions.

Saturday 13th

NO Morning Mass

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday for Sunday

4:30pm – 5:15pm

Confessions

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Hugh Prunty RIP Anniv

SUNDAY 14th

9:00am Holy Mass

Val Lennon RIP

10:00am-10:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Confessions

11:00am Solemn Mass

Annie Reilly RIP

Rosary – before the morning Masses during the week.

DAILY MASS

Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Usually at 10:00am

Olton Friary Usually at 10:15am

Please check their websites for more information



Nine months before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September), the Church celebrates the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception. The Feast was approved in 1476 by Pope Sixtus IV. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1708. Acknowledging the belief held for centuries by the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, of councils and his predecessors, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854: “We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin” (*Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her (Lk. 1:26-38).



We aim to open the church for private prayer during the week. Please check the Newsletter for more details.

This week; Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th the Church will be open from 9:00am to 2:30pm.

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*

Margaret (Peggy) Heffernan, Breda Hogan.
Martin De Vreede
Requiem Monday 22nd December 10:00am.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for a private intention.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

23.11.25 - Gift Aid: £179.00. Non-Gift Aid: £470.87
Total: £649.87

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Priests Training Fund £273.67

This weekend - Poor Parishes Fund.
Next Weekend - Christmas Decorations for the Church.

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.

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.

PARISH DIARY

DECEMBER

Monday 15th to

Thursday 18th

Friday 19th

Sunday 21st

Daily Mass at 9:30am

9:30am Holy Mass

10:00-11:00 Eucharist Adoration

10:15 – 10:45am Confessions

5:00pm Carol Service followed by refreshments.

CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY 24th **Christmas Eve**

3:30pm

8:00pm

Vigil Mass

Solemn Mass of Christmas Night

THURSDAY 25th **Christmas Day**

9:00am

11:00am

Dawn Mass

Solemn Mass

Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes?

Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more info, & to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>



Christmas wreath making workshop
13th December 12-2pm
St Thomas More church
130 Horseshoes Lane, Sheldon, B26 3HU

£30pp for all materials and festive refreshments
- Booking is essential

In aid of **mary's meals**
£19.15 will provide a meal for a child everyday for a year.
Just 10p provides a meal

For tickets call Sue Nightingale on 07973741062 or contact Carmel at the Piety Stall.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 3rd December 2025 - **Winning Numbers 15-08-02-10**
Next Draw Monday 8th December after Mass