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THE VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11th February 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Bert & Rita Duffy RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Jim Healey
11:00am Solemn Mass	John McDonagh RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 12th

9:30am Holy Mass Bram Garner RIP

Tuesday 13th

9:30am Holy Mass Graham Hall RIP Anniv

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30am Holy Mass	Betty & Michael McDonald
6:00pm Holy Mass	Maureen Martin RIP
7:00pm Reception	Cornelius McKay

Thursday 15th

11:30am Requiem Mass	Cornelius McKay
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Albert Houghton RIP

Friday 16th

9:30am Holy Mass	Joseph McCartney & James Boyle
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10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass	Fr Sandy Brown RIP
6:30pm Stations of the Cross	

Saturday 17th

10:00am Holy Mass	Angela & Michael Amor and May & Jim Piercy
10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30pm Vigil Mass	Joe Evans RIP Anniv
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SUNDAY 18th

9:00am Holy Mass	Angela Martyn RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass	Griffin Family Ints

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. *Mt 6:1-18*), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays at 6:30pm

The Stations of the Cross; which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in parishes. This is especially during Lent and the preparation for Easter. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the *Via Dolorosa* (Sorrowful Way); or simply the Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross.

This devotion has evolved over time. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year AD 313, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the latter part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims; from various countries who visited these holy places and followed the Way of the Cross.



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY
For the Terminally Ill**

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

- Angela Martyn, James Queenan.
- Cornelius McKay - Reception 14th February 7:00pm
Requiem 15th February 11:30am
- Tom Conlan Requiem 22nd February 10:15am
- Maura Dowling Requiem 23rd February 11:00am
- Breeda Harrison Reception 26th February 5:00pm
Requiem 27th February 11:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Paul & Tony Mahon.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

04.02.24 - Gift Aid: £121.06. Non-Gift Aid: £467.86
Total: £588.92.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Priests Training Fund - £303.96**
- This Weekend - Pro Life**
- 18.02 – HCPT**
- 25.02 – Cafod – Lent Family Fast.**

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 concern.

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

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 14th **Ash Wednesday**
Masses 9:30am & 6:00pm
- Wednesday 21st Saint Thomas More School First Confessions 10:30am

MARCH

- Tuesday 19th The Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Holy Mass 9:30am

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

- Maundy Thursday 28th**
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
- Good Friday 29th**
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm
- Holy Saturday 30th**
Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm
- Sunday 31st**
EASTER DAY
Holy Mass of the Resurrection 9:00am
Solemn Mass of the Resurrection 11:00am

APRIL

- Sunday 7th Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 12th March**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

**MEN'S LENTEN ROSARY IN THE CITY – Saturday 17th February 12:00 noon
Birmingham City Centre – Victoria Square**

To start Lent we are calling ALL MEN to publicly pray and witness to our Christian faith in the centre of Birmingham. We will pray for: the conversion of our city and nation, protection and blessing of family life, a culture that values all life from conception, the Domestic Church and men to live out their God given vocation. Fr more information contact: Ben 07885505116

SANCTUARY ROOF

There has been some to-ing and fro-ing between the contractor (ATS) and the manufacturer (Kemper) but essentially Kemper's rep will not inspect regarding the warranty until 'safe access' is arranged – this being scaffold access tower and handrails. Despite our best efforts they are adamant and therefore we will erect the scaffold with a view to getting the roof repaired straight away as this must be done. The cost of this work is over £10,000.00.

The restoration and redecoration of the Sanctuary cannot happen until the problems with the roof are resolved. More details to follow when the architect has more details.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 5th February 2024 - **Winning Numbers 04-05-16-23**
Next Draw Wednesday 14th February after 9:30am Mass.
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = £5 + 1 FREE GO
Match 4 = Share Jackpot £250+. Match 3 = share £75+
JACKPOT £250