



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 18th February 2024

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Joe Evans RIP Anniv

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Angela Martyn RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Griffin Family Ints

Weekday Masses

Monday 19th

9:30am Holy Mass

Stephen & Annmarie
Robinson

Tuesday 20th

9:30am Holy Mass

Theresa Murphy RIP Anniv

Wednesday 21st

9:30am Holy Mass

Jack Sullivan

10:30am – 11:30am

First Confessions – Saint Thomas More School

Thursday 22nd The Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

10:15am Requiem Mass Thomas Conlon

12noon Nuptial Mass

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Beryl Aldred RIP

Friday 23rd

11:00am Requiem Mass Maura Dowling

6:00pm Holy Mass John Carr RIP

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th

10:00am Holy Mass Toolan Family

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham RIP

SUNDAY 25th

9:00am Holy Mass

Private Intention CM

11:00am Solemn Mass

Brigid Maher RIP

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 FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

The “chair” to which this feast refers is the cathedra, or office, of the Apostle Peter. Given by Christ to Saint Peter and represents his supreme pastoral office which is passed to each of his successors as the Bishop of Rome, that is, where Saint Peter last served and where he died a martyr.

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

On this day let us particularly pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis that God may give him health and strength to guide and govern His holy people.

CLUSTER PARISHES

Meeting of Parishioners across the Cluster Parishes

This will take place as the “follow up” to the listening meeting and will be held at St Thomas More Sheldon on **Thursday 7th March 7pm-8.30pm**. This will be a general invitation to all parishioners across the cluster parishes to come together and explore ways in which we can work together.

Adoration for the Cluster Group of Parishes

After our meetings as priests we are even more convinced that Eucharistic Adoration is very important to the future of our parishes. These meetings together are not in the first place about administration and how to survive with fewer priests but how to be the faithful People of God proclaiming the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Mass is at the heart of everything and Eucharistic Adoration, flowing from that, gathers the faithful to worship the Lord Jesus and shows the spiritual health of a community. It is also very clear that if one does not understand the Mass then Eucharistic Adoration may seem to have little point. And so the parishes that adore the Lord are the ones that grow and flourish because they are spiritually healthy. There will soon be information and all of the times of Adoration in the Cluster.



**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
Tom Conlan Requiem 22nd February 10:15am
Maura Dowling Requiem 23rd February 11:00am
Breda Harrison Reception 26th February 5:00pm
Requiem 27th February 11:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Martin & Paulette Mullins.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

18.02.24 - Gift Aid: £152.47. Non-Gift Aid: £409.10
Total: £561.57

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Pro Life - £275.37
This Weekend - HCPT
25.02 – Cafod – Lent Family Fast.
03.03 – Cathedral Maintenance

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 21st Saint Thomas More School First Confessions 10:30am

MARCH

Wednesday 6th Saint Andrew’s School First Confessions 6:00pm

Thursday 7th Cluster Parishes Meeting 7:00pm

At Saint Thomas More - Church Hall

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

HCPT Easter Pilgrimages

Every Easter, 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children and young people enjoy a life changing pilgrimage holiday in Lourdes in the south of France. They are supported by volunteer helpers, nurses and priests. Your generosity to help with the costs would be gratefully appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Children not in Catholic Schools

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 20th February** at 4:00pm in Church for all those who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. If you are not able to be at this meeting please let us know.

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.



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

Result for 14th February 2024 - **Winning Numbers 10-23-14-02**

Next Draw Wednesday 21st 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