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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23RD February 2020 - A



St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch
Windrush Close, B92 8QL
Tel: 0121 743 5675.
Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

Masses		
Sat	5:30pm	Jasper Shine, RIP
Sun	8:30am	Michael & Maura Flannery, Ints
	10:30am	Hugh Hanratty, RIP
Mon	10:00am	Funeral Mass, Betty Kaminski
	6:30pm	John Ready, RIP Anniv.
Tue	9:15am	Deceased of Blair Family
	11:15am	Funeral, Jake Foster
	7:00pm	Jo Cambridge, RIP Anniv
Wed		Ash Wednesday
	9:00am	Rosemarie Gollhofer, RIP
	10:30am	People of the Parish, St Andrew's School
	7:00pm	Angela McVeigh, RIP Anniv.
Thu	9:15am	Michael Green, RIP
	7:00pm	Christy Cowap, RIP
Fri	9:15am	Chris & Pete Conway, Ints
	7:00pm	Brenda Aiken, RIP
Sat	9:00am	Ann Kidd, Ints

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Tuesday during 7:00pm Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs 9:45-11:00am. Sat 4:25-5:05pm
Morning Prayer of the Church:
Thur, Fri, 9:00am, Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession:
Sat, 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.
Stations of the Cross - Fri, 6:30pm

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.
First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship
The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to '...turn the other cheek...'. In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from Meat. Fasting is binding on all who are between their 18th and 59th birthdays. One main meal plus 2 lighter meals can be taken during the course of the fast day. Abstinence from meat is binding on all Catholics from age 14 upwards. Masses at 9:00am, 10:30am (in St Andrew's School) and 7:00pm. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at all Masses.

Re-Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. Our Bishops are to re-dedicate England as the Dowry of Mary on March 29th, 2020- restoring a medieval title given to this land by King Richard II. More details www.dowrytour.org.uk In order to prepare for this historic event, we are being encouraged to pray the Angelus daily. It would also be fitting to consecrate our lives to Jesus through Mary, according to the spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please take a leaflet, free of charge, from the porch which explains this devotion.

Forthcoming Events:
Ecumenical Lenten Lunch, Lyndon Rd Methodist Church, 12:30pm, Tues 3rd March.
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers, Meeting, Fri 13th March 7:45pm, Dougal's Den.
St Patrick's & St Joseph's Day Celebration, Thurs 19th March from 1:00pm.
Parish Lenten Day of Prayer, Sat 21st March (more details later)

Parish Societies:
SVP – Second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45 pm
Choir Practice Next on Tues 25th. Feb
Thursday Club Next Thurs 27th. Feb
RCIA: Resumes Mon 24th. Feb, 7pm.

Legion of Mary –General Meeting Times
Adult Group – Thurs Even 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

Retreats and Pilgrimages
Retreat at Mount St Bernard Abbey, near Coalville, Leics. LE67 5UL
Wed. March 4th. 2020- Fri March 6th, 2020..
Join us for 2 days of prayer with Cistercian monks. They just ask for a donation but retreatants must stay for a minimum of 2 nights. More info. from Fr John.

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 Mon. Feb. 24th. 7pm**

Patricians Discussion Group
Friday 28th Feb, 7:45pm, Dougal's Den.
Topic: 'What do we mean by the Church?'

St Thomas More's Youth Group For youth from Year 5 upwards, meeting on Friday evenings, 7-8:30pm. Resumes Feb 28th. More leaders are needed.

Oilton Friary Lenten Events: -
A whole programme of events have been arranged by the Friary for Lent 2020, including a retreat and Lectio Divina sessions. Please see porch leaflets

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni, June 1st-8th. There are now more than 30 participants. The balance for the pilgrimage is due to be paid in early April. There will be another get-together in early May.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools A group will meet on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Parish Centre, **starting Sunday March 1st, 2020**, to prepare children in Year 3 or above at non-Catholic schools for their First Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. **First Holy Communion Masses** will be celebrated in our parish over the weekend **May 16th/17th**.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend
Sat 5:30pm Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ints
Sun 8:30am Patrick & Mary Conway, RIP
10:30am Kitty Ready, Ints

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace
Betty Kaminski, Reception, Sun 23rd Feb 5:00pm, Funeral Mass, Mon 24th Feb, 10:00am.
Jake Foster (aged 18) Funeral, Tues 25th. Feb, 11:15 am
Joe Evans

40 Days for Life
There is to be a new campaign, focussing on the Robert Clinic, 162 Station Road, King's Norton B30 1DB. There is a launch event for this campaign on Sun Feb 23rd, 2pm, Upper Cloister Room, The Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B'ham B16 8UE.

Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to **Adam & Orla Jenkins**, who were married recently

St Thomas More's Bereavement Group
Thurs 27th. February, 6pm in the presbytery. All are welcome! Please come and help us serve those who have lost a loved one.

Kidd School of Irish Dancing
Lessons; Wednesday after school till 5pm in Parish Centre.
Contact Sharon 07973 537383
Saturdays 9:45am start at the Women's Institute, Solihull, B91 3DQ
Contact 07971 857935

St Thomas More's Parish Mission 2020
Sat., October 3rd to Sat., October 10th 2020.

The mission will be preached by the Redemptorists. Its focus will be **Family Life**.
Next Holy Hour in preparation for our Mission: **Sunday March 1st, at 5.30pm.**
Our church building is 50 years old this year. Our mission has been planned to coincide with this special year for us. More details of other prayer events soon.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – 16/02
Gift Aid £195.00 ~Non-GA £365.47
Pro Life - £291.24
This Weekend – Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund.
Next Wkend – Cathedral Maintenance

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £1,000
Result for 18.02.2020
04-07-08-20
Next draw will take place on **Tuesday 25th Feb After Mass.**

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 Tidswell, 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, Pdraig 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, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel and Sharna Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr McCabe, Fr Meagher, Fr Collins, Fr Cooney, Bishop Cleary, Fr Kennedy, Fr Brewster, Fr Tarrant, Fr Flynn, Ellen McCafferty, John Bardini, Patrick McTernan, Alan Hale, Leonard Jeffries, Thomas Foy, Margaret Leeming, Edward Dunne, John O'Neill, Joyce Size, Walter Bien, Terence Cassidy, Geraldine Bradley, Mary Cambridge, Kathleen Cooper, Mary Carey, Kathleen Savage, Stephen Kenny, John Manning, Bridie Dwyer, Stephen Coffey, Angela McVeigh, Doreen Piorecki, Thomas Dunne, Teresa Barr, James O'Brien, Sheila Dunne, Thomas Diver, John Hones

Next Bingo, Sat 29th. Feb (please note!) Parish Centre. Eyes down 7pm

Rotas 01st March	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	B	A	D
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	A	D	E
Cleaning:	I.Buckley, S.Smith		
Counting:	G.Cassidy, L.Dean, M.Hayes		
Brasses			