

# 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 LENT

Sunday 25th February 2024

Holy Mass Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Alice Simon &

Santhamma Abraham RIP

**SUNDAY** 

9:00amHoly MassPrivate Intention CM11:00amSolemn MassBrigid Maher RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 26th

9:30am Holy Mass Paul Brady5:00pm Reception Bridget Harrison

Tuesday 27th

11:30am Requiem Mass Bridget Harrison6:00pm Holy Mass Celia Bourke RIP

Wednesday 28th

9:30am Holy Mass Frank Norris RIP

10:30am - 11:30am

Confessions – Saint Thomas More School

Thursday 29th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Fr Arkadiusz Baron RIP

MARCH

Friday 1st Saint David

9:30am Holy Mass John Crossan RIP

10:00am - 11:00am

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

6:00pm Holy Mass Sarah Nicholson RIP

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Saint Chad

10:00am Holy Mass Annie Callaghan 10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

& First Saturday Devotions

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30pm Vigil Mass Gloria Freitas

SUNDAY 3rd

9:00am Holy Mass Fr Arkadiusz Baron RIP 11:00am Solemn Mass Tom Browne 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



# SAINT CHAD, PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

As we celebrate the Feast of Saint Chad this week we ask his prayers that all things undertaken in the Archdiocese will bear fruit for the Lord. We pray also for the Archbishop, the successor of Saint Chad, that God may give him health and strength as he cares for this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Saint Chad, pray for us.

## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA - The First Saturday Devotions**

### Why Five First Saturdays?

In 1925, indulgenced Saturday devotions to Our Lady already existed, although no indulgence carried the magnificent promise of final perseverance. Lucia asked Our Lord why He wanted to establish a new devotion consisting of five First Saturdays. He answered:

"It is true, My daughter, that many souls begin, but few persevere to the end, and those who persevere do it to receive the graces promised for it. Souls that make the Five First Saturdays with fervour and to make reparation to the Heart of your Mother in Heaven please Me more than the tepid and indifferent who make the fifteen."

God in His goodness asks us only for five First Saturdays to obtain Our Lady's promised graces but emphasizes that we must offer the Devotion with fervour and the intention of making reparation. Our Lord explained to Lucia why He seeks five Saturdays of reparation.

Lucia summed up why we must attach such great importance to this devotion: "Our Good Lord in His infinite Mercy asked me ... to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to implore pardon and mercy in Favor of souls who blaspheme against Her, because the Divine Mercy does not pardon these souls without reparation."

## **Five Elements of the First Saturday Devotion**

Every First Saturday, we should:

- Make a good Confession (within 8 or so days before or after the First Saturday);
- 2. Receive Holy Communion;
- 3. Pray five decades of the Holy Rosary;
- Keep Our Lady company for fifteen additional minutes while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary; and
- 5. Offer each of the above acts in reparation for the blasphemies and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY For the Terminally III

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

Fr Arkadiusz Baron, Angela Martyn, Beryl Aldred,
James Queenan, Cornelius McKay, Tom Conlan, Maura
Dowling, Juliette Kelly, Teresa Whelan, Bridget Stewart.
Breeda Harrison Reception 26<sup>th</sup> February 5:00pm
Requiem 27<sup>th</sup> February 11:30am

#### FR ARKADIUSZ BARON

It is with sadness that we heard last week of the death of Fr Baron. Many of you will remember him being here at Saint Thomas More over a number of summers to help with holidays. Please pray for him. There will be Masses offered for him. May he rest in peace.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for the deceased members of the Egan & Barrett Families.

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

## **WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

18.02.24 - Gift Aid: £107.84. Non-Gift Aid: £355.51 Total: £463.35

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

HCPT - £661.53

**This Weekend** - 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:

<u>sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> 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: <a href="mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk">stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk</a>

#### **PARISH DIARY**

MARCH

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew's School First Confessions 6:00pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Cluster Parishes Meeting 7:00pm

At Saint Thomas More - Church Hall

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

# LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at CORPUS CHRISTI STECHFORD

This will be for all the Churches in the Cluster at Corpus Christi.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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

### SAINT THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the school after their recent Ofsted. The school is GOOD with OUTSTANDING qualities. We are very thankful to Mr Mark McLoughlin, the new Principal and all the Staff for all their hard work and commitment that has made this possible. Thanks also to all the work Mrs Kate Madia did before she left. Also congratulations and thanks to all the children and their parents.

#### **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.





















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

Result for 21st February 2024 - Winning Numbers 05-15-22-24

Next Draw Wednesday 28th 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+

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