



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27th February 2022

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Ian Salt RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Paul Mahon RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 28th

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MARCH

Tuesday 1st Saint David

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass Maggie McCarthy & Family

Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday

9:30am Holy Mass Mgr John Heslin

11:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

6:00pm Holy Mass Cathy Carr Ints

Thursday 3rd

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Matthew Whitehurst RIP

6:30pm RCIA

Friday 4th First Friday

9:30am Holy Mass Anna Joyce, RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Sylvia Brennan

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th First Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass Issac Smith RIP

10:30am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration &

First Saturday Devotions

12noon Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 6th THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Kate Ford RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass Regina Jones RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



At the beginning of Lent, which constitutes an itinerary of more intense spiritual training, the Liturgy sets before us again three penitential practices that are very dear to the biblical and Christian tradition - prayer, almsgiving, fasting - to prepare us to better celebrate Easter and thus experience God's power that, as we shall hear in the Paschal Vigil, "dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, casts out hatred, brings us peace and humbles earthly pride" (Paschal Præconium).

May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, therefore, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbour. I am thinking especially of a greater commitment to prayer, lectio divina, recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, especially the Holy Mass on Sundays. With this interior disposition, let us enter the penitential spirit of Lent.

A holy and blessed Lent to all.

Fr Christopher

LENT – Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30pm

LENT WALK WITH ME PRAYER BOOKS

These are available this weekend. The Calendars are also available.

LENT BAGS

These are available for the children to help them celebrate a holy Lent

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above not at our Catholic Schools who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC'

Instruction meetings will take place in preparation for Easter on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm (after the Mass) beginning on March 3rd and also on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am (after the Mass) beginning on March 9th. All welcome. These will run every week until Holy Week. After Easter there will be more instruction to understand even further the mysteries of the true faith. These will take place in the John Fisher Room. All are invited to the Ash Wednesday Masses.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

Gold! The collection of gold raised **£3,360.00** for the Sanctuary. This was a wonderful outcome. Many thanks.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Nora Earp

Requiem Mass Tuesday 15th March 11:00am

Larry Keohane

Joseph Borg

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in Memory of the Raponi family

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

20.02.22 - Gift Aid: £154.10 Non-Gift Aid: £411.61

Total: £565.71

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend –

Next Weekend – Cathedral Maintenance

Priests Training Fund - £323.01

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

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

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday
Holy Mass: 9:30am & 6:00pm
Friday 4th Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm
Wednesday 9th Saint Andrew's First Confessions 6:00pm
Wednesday 16th Saint Thomas More First Confessions 10:30am
Friday 25th The Solemnity of the Annunciation
Holy Mass 9:30am

APRIL

Sunday 10th Afternoon Tea: 3:00pm
The beginning of Holy Week
Thursday 14th – Saturday 16th
The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Sunday 17th Easter Day

ROTAS – Have been re-introduced at the weekend Masses. Please phone the parish office if you would like to go back on the rota or if you would like to become a reader.

GOLD ! GOLD ! GOLD !

We are going to continue with this and hope to be able to do more good works in the Parish.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - ABORTION EXPOSED

– an insight into the abortion industry from ex-MSI director Kevin Duffy. Also one mum tells her story of reversing her abortion. Sun 27th Feb – 2pm. St Joseph and St Helen's Hall, 84 Northfield Rd, Kings Norton B'ham B30 1JG. For further details call Isabel on 07773 501721.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 8th March**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCIES;

CLERK TO THE SCHOOL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – A Highly organised, self-motivated Clerk with a professional manner and the effective communication skills required to provide full support to the Principal, Chair and Committee Representatives required, Salary grade 3, point 22, 1.5 hours a week all year round.

OFFICE MANAGER – Required April 2022. We are looking for a highly motivated individual who is enthusiastic, efficient and loves to work with people. Grade 3, 36.5 hours per week, term time only Maternity Cover.

TEACHING ASSISTANT – An enthusiastic, creative energetic and ambitious Level 3 Teaching Assistant is required, 14 hours per week, term time only, temporary in the first instance.

To Apply for any of the above vacancies please visit the website at: www.sttomor.bham.sch.uk or contact the school office on 0121 743 3289 or enquiry@sttomor.bham.sch.uk

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HANDSWORTH

Applications are invited for the position of new Headteacher. Further details and an application pack are available on the vacancy page at www.stfranrc.bham.sch.uk The closing date is the 11th March.