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THE V SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4th February 2024

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Paddy Jordan RIP Anniv
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Nancy Whyte RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Monday 5th Saint Agatha, Martyr

9:30am Holy Mass	Robert Badland
5:00pm Reception	James Queenan

Tuesday 6th Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

11:30am Requiem Mass	James Queenan
5:00pm Reception	Angela Martyn

Wednesday 7th

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Thursday 8th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School	
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Manuel Simon Ints

Friday 9th

9:30am Holy Mass	John, Pat & Mary McDonald, RIP
10:00am – 11:00am	
Eucharistic Adoration	

Saturday 10th Saint Scholastica

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	
11:00am Holy Mass	The Sick & Housebound
With Anointing of the Sick	
<i>Please note the change of time</i>	

THE VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm Vigil Mass	Bert & Rita Duffy RIP
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SUNDAY 11th

9:00am Holy Mass	Jim Healey
11:00am Solemn Mass	John McDonagh 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



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Next Sunday were it not the Day of the Lord would be the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. To celebrate the Feast the day before -

Saturday the 10th Mass at 11:00am with the Anointing of the Sick.

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. For more information contact: Ben 07885505116

SAINT ANDREW'S SCHOOL

Please pray for all the children who are making their commitment at the Solemn Mass today in preparation for their Confirmation.

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.



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

- Breda Harrison. Beryl Aldred
- James Queenan Reception 5th February 5:00pm
- Requiem 6th February 11:30am
- Angela Martyn Requiem 7th February 11:00am
- 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

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of the Nancy.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS This week are sponsored in memory of George Cassidy and Angela Martyn.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

28.01.24 - Gift Aid: £140.66. Non-Gift Aid: £581.18
Total: £721.84.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- World Leprosy Day - £286.73**
- This Weekend - Priests Training Fund**
- 11.02 – Pro Life**
- 18.02 – HCPT**

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

- Sunday 4th Saint Andrew's School Confirmation Commitment Mass 11:00am
- Friday 9th Fund Raising Meeting 1:30pm
- Saturday 10th Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am
- Wednesday 14th **Ash Wednesday**
Masses 9:30am & 6:00pm
- Wednesday 21st Saint Thomas More School First Confessions 10:30am
- Saturday 24th Saint Andrew's School First Confessions 10:30am

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Children not in Catholic Schools

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 6th March** 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.

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

When you ask the Church for the Sacraments, don't hold it against the Church when the Church asks you to live the sacramental life. For the Church isn't rejecting you but in fact respecting you, offering you what your soul really wants, really needs—a real shot at holiness.

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. A second collection will take place on the weekend of 18th February. Your generosity to help with the costs would be gratefully appreciated.

FUND RAISING MEETING

We would like to invite parishioners to join us for a meeting to discuss which causes/charities we raise money for this year. Friday 9th February at 1:30pm in the Church Hall



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 31st January 2024 - **Winning Numbers 13-19-10-22**
Next Draw Monday 5th 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