

**ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

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<p><i>Parish Schools:</i>  <b>St. Thomas More Primary,</b>                  Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU                  Tel: 0121 743 3289.                  Head teacher Sr. Susan Collins.</p>	<p><b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>7th February 2016 – Year C</b>                  Jubilee Year of Mercy: December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015- November 20<sup>th</sup>. 2016</p>	<p><b>St. Andrews</b>  <b>Primary &amp; Nursery,</b>                  Windrush Close, Solihull B92 8QL                  Tel: 0121 743 5675.                  Head teacher Mr. David Naughton</p>
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**Masses:**

<b>Sat</b>	5:30pm	Maria O'Leary, RIP
<b>Sun</b>	8:30am	Elsie Cook RIP & Albert Cook Ints.
	10:30am	Florence Doyle, RIP.
<b>Mon</b>	9:15am	Jack Simcox, RIP Anniv.
<b>Tues</b>	9:45am	Maeve Gowland-Durkin, RIP Anniv.
<b>Wed</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	9:00am	Patsy Diver, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	People of the Parish (St Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Patrick McGill, RIP Anniv.
<b>Thur</b>	9:15am	Sr Elreda, RIP
	7:00pm	Colette Evans, Get Well.
<b>Fri</b>	9:15am	Sheila Farley, RIP
	7:00pm	John Mulry, RIP
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Mark Holland, RIP
		(n.b.)

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:** Tuesday AM during Mass  
**Rosary** is recited daily after Morning Mass.  
**Eucharistic Adoration** Friday, 6:00-6:30pm, Sat Holy Hour 4:25-5:05pm  
**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon 9:00am, Tue 9:30am, Thur 9:00am, Fri 9:00am.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Friday (n.b) 6:05-6:30pm, Sat 4:30-5:00pm.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Friday 6:30pm.

**LENT 2016**

This Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> is **ASH WEDNESDAY** a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Ashes will be distributed at 9:00am and 7:00pm Masses in church and 10:30am in St Andrew's school.  
**Abstinence from meat** on Ash Wednesday is obligatory for all Catholics aged 14 upwards.  
**Fasting** on Ash Wednesday is obligatory for all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> to 59<sup>th</sup> birthdays. The recommended fast is one main meal plus two lighter meals, which, together, would not exceed the main meal. Those who are invalids are exempt from this law.  
**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm.  
**Lenten House Rosaries** The season of Lent is extra special this year because it is Lent in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. If you would like Fr John to come and pray the Rosary with you in your home, please let him know. You might like to invite friends and family.

**Mass Intentions for Next Weekend**

<b>Sat</b>	5:30pm	Lisowski & Greenfield Families.
<b>Sun</b>	8:30am	Angelo & Ida Lombardi, RIP
	10:30am	Nerney & Nolan Families

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Bishop Robert Byrne will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the year 6 children of St Andrew's school at Mass on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

We Welcome into the family of our parish  
**Mason, Taylor-Louise & Makenzie Molloy**  
 who were baptised here last weekend.

**Recently Deceased:**  
**Chris Hancox** (The Smithy). *May he rest in peace*

**The Friary Players present SNOW WHITE**  
 At Our Lady of Compassion School,  
 Kineton Green Road, B92 7EG.  
 Free Entry, No Tickets required.  
 Proceeds to Charity: St Basils & Bully 4 U.  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 7:30pm.  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Saturday  
 February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 10:30 am. Please  
 note later date this month.

**Fr John's Birthday Meal**  
 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm at the  
 Wheatsheaf. Don't forget to see Corina or  
 Maxine this weekend to pay in full.

**FR DOUGAL IS VERY LONELY!**  
 Every **Monday** evening he comes along to  
**Adult Ceili** in the Parish Centre  
 but he has no-one to dance with. If you've got 2  
 left feet and a good sense of humour, come and  
 join us from **7:45 – 9:00pm**. We promise you  
 won't regret it!!

**Patricians Discussion Group**  
 Fri Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 7:45pm.  
 Topic: How Does Confession Help us?

**Legacy**  
 Eileen Bennett, formerly of Ulleries Road, who  
 passed away on 21<sup>st</sup>. January 2015, left a gift of  
 £1000 to our parish in her will. I am very grateful to  
 Eileen for her generosity and thoughtfulness. May  
 she rest in peace.

**40 Days for Life Kick-off event:**  
 Pro-Life Pub Quiz, Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady  
 of Lourdes club, Trittiford Road, Yardley Wood,  
 2:30pm. See poster for details.  
 The **prayer vigils** outside the Marie Stopes  
 Clinic, Arthur Road, Edgbaston, commence on  
**Ash Wednesday**. People will be praying every  
 day during Lent from 8am to 8pm. Please  
 support in whatever way you can.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Poland Meeting**  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7:45pm in the Upper Room,  
 Can those who haven't handed in their  
 booking forms please bring them along. You  
 can also make a payment at the meeting.


**First Holy Communion Preparation Class**  
 The class will begin on Sunday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016,  
 at 9:30 am in the parish centre. It is for children in  
 year 3 and above at non-Catholic schools, who  
 have not yet made their First Reconciliation and  
 First Holy Communion.

**Parish Societies:**  
**SVP** – First Saturdays, 9:45am  
**Legion of Mary** Thursday, 7:45pm  
**Thursday Club** Thurs, 2-4pm  
**Youth Group** – Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm  
**Choir Practice** Mon Feb 8<sup>th</sup>....., 10:00am  
**Journey in Faith** - Monday, 7pm  
**Confirmation Class** – Sundays., 9:30am

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**  
**31st January 2016**  
 Gift Aid £177.15 ~ Non-Gift Aid £493.76  
**This Weekend** ~ Pro Life  
**Lenten Alms** this year will go to Father  
 Hudson's Care

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-**

**St. Thomas More's Parish Tote**  
 The Jackpot this week is  
**£1,450**  
 Result for 02/02/2016  
**03-04-09-10**  
 Next draw, **Tues 9th Feb – at 6:30pm.**



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>. Feb BINGO!** Eyes down, 7pm  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March** Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of  
 Holy Communion and readers, 7:45pm ,upper room  
**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Parish Lenten Day of Prayer  
**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:** St Patrick's Day, Bacon & Cabbage  
 Lunch + Entertainment.  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** Beer Festival  
**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>. April** Day of prayer at St Mary's convent,  
 Handsworth (More details later)

<p><b>Rotas for 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  <b>Readers:</b>                  Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:                  Cleaning: C.Carr, A.Walsh</p>	<p><b>5:30pm</b> Team F  <b>5:30pm</b> Team D                  Brasses: T&amp;R Somerville</p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Team C  <b>8:30am</b> Team A                  Counting: M.Cleary, J.O'Malley, C.Rimington</p>	<p>Refreshments after                  10:30 Sunday Mass                  this week- PLEASE                  SUPPORT!</p>
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**SICK:** Hugh Murphy , Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Cornelius McKay, Pam Firkins, Theresa O'Shea, Katie Hobday, Hannah Lynch, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Kathleen Fahy, Joseph Lockington, Sally Woodcock, Joan Morris, Charlie Fogarty, Montana Coughlan, Clara Bett, Barry Harte, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Camron Cuddihy, Vera King, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Ettie Devine, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Michael Ruane, Gary Hinks, Fred Whitehouse, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Anne Cleary, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, Jackie Gallagher, John Bond, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Mary Morris, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessler, Lynn, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Bernie O'Gorman, Rita Deehan, Beryl McGrory, Nora Mills, Michael Ward, Ami Mucklow, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Margaret Casey, Jack Baker, Anne O'Meara, Danny Moore, Kelly Wheeler  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Archbishop Keating, Fr Watkins, Fr James, Fr Gibb, Fr Brady, Canon Cassidy, Fr O'Sullivan, Fr Connick, James Crowley, Nancy Stafford, Patrick Malone, Michael Melody, Patrick McGill, Elizabeth Murphy, Martha Dowdall, Pierce O'Reilly, Michael Kennedy, Avis Hill, Arthur Young, Dorrie Taaffe, Agnes Turner, Patrick Kelly, Margaret Debney.