



# PARISH OF ST THOMAS MORE

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

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY - Year B - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:30pm	John O'Neill, RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am	William Dempsey, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Alf Hanson, RIP Anniv.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Yvonne
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Rosary & Novena
	6:00pm	Pam, Stuart & Pat Grant, Ints.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9:30am	Jerry Lee Dawson
	6:00pm	Kevin Melody, RIP Anniv.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00pm	Griffin Family Ints.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Kathleen Hull, RIP.

**Church Opening Times**  
w/c 03.01.2021  
Church is open Half an  
Hour before each service.



**A Spiritual Holy Communion**  
My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most  
Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all  
things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You  
sacramentally, come at  
least spiritually into my  
heart.  
I embrace You as if You  
were already there and  
unite myself wholly to  
You. Never permit me  
to be separated from  
You. Amen.

### Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Andrews First Holy Communion Mass
	5:00 – 5:25pm 5:30pm	Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	8:30am	Kathleen Cooke, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Private Intention

### The Epiphany of the Lord

What amazes us each  
time when we listen to  
the Gospel about the  
Magi is that they  
prostrated themselves  
before a simple baby in  
his mother's arms, not in  
the setting of a royal  
palace but, on the  
contrary, in the poverty  
of a stable in Bethlehem

Please remember in your  
prayers all the sick of our  
parish and all who's  
anniversaries occur at  
this time.

**There will be a  
Retiring collection  
this weekend for  
Holy Places.**

Crib Offerings this  
year will be donated to  
Friends of the Holy  
Land & SIFA Fireside

All Masses are  
livestreamed on our  
YouTube Channel  
and Facebook Page

*From Fr John ...* I am very grateful to the  
parishioners of St Thomas More's for the  
generous cheque I received before Christmas  
and thank you for your Christmas Greetings.

**Recently Deceased** –  
Elisabeth Scott, Requiem Mass,  
11:00am, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.  
Bridget Maher, Requiem Mass,  
12:30pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.  
Peter Turner Requiem Mass,  
11:00am, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.  
*May they rest in peace*  
*Family members only to attend funeral*  
*Masses, Max 30 People.*

### Epiphany Blessing

“20+C+M+B+21.”  
The numbers represent the current  
year and the letters stand for the  
first letters of the traditional names  
of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and  
Balthazar. The letters are also an  
abbreviation for “Christus  
Mansionem Benedicat,”  
“May Christ bless this dwelling.”

Dear Parishioners. Let us turn our gaze anew to  
the grotto of Bethlehem. The Child whom we  
contemplate is our salvation! He has brought to the  
world a universal message of reconciliation and  
peace. Let us open our hearts to him; let us  
receive him into our lives. Once more let us say to  
him, with joy and confidence: “*Veni ad salvandum  
nos!*” O Lord our God”. Come to save us!

*Fr Christopher*

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Thomas More Primary School.  
Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU  
Tel: 0121 743 3289.  
Principal: Mrs Kate Madia

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

**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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

**The Piety Stall is  
Now Closed**  
If you require  
Mass Cards Please  
phone the Parish  
Office

**Finance** – If you would like to donate  
regularly to the parish, standing order & Gift  
Aid forms are available from the office.  
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