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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 5th January 2020 - A



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

Masses		
Sat	5:30pm	Bridget Corningan RIP
Sun	8:30am	William Dempsey RIP anniv
	10:30am	Mary McGill RIP anniv
Mon	9:00am	Mary Rattigan, RIP Anniv.
	6:30pm	Martin Coneely, Ints
Tue	12:noon	Funeral Mass, Alex Beard
	7:00pm	Joseph Moonjely & Sebastian Joseph, RIP
Wed	9:00am	Mary Wade, Ints
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving (Jilcy)
Thu	9:15am	People of the Parish (St Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Martin McQuinn, RIP
Fri	9:15am	John Church, RIP
	7:00pm	Johnny Markey, RIP
Sat	9:00am	Bridget & Patrick McGrath RIP and Michael Murray RIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Tuesday during 7:00pm Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration
Monday, 9:45-11:00am, Sat 4:25-5:05pm
Morning Prayer of the Church:
Mon 8:45am, Fri, 9:00am, Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession:
Sat, 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.
Talk on Baptism:
Mon, Jan 6th, 6pm in church

Parish Societies:
SVP - Second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45 pm
Choir Practice Tues 6:30pm
Thursday Club from 1pm, Dougal's Den
RCIA: Next session, Mon Jan 6th, 7pm.

Legion of Mary - General Meeting Times
Adult Group - Thurs Eves 7:45pm
Junior Group - Friday Eves 6:00pm
Both meet in the Parish Centre.
School Groups: St Andrew's Fri 3:45pm
St Thomas More's Mondays 3:30pm

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Helen Timmins, RIP
Sun	8:30am	Maria del Carmen Chavaro RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Alf Hanson, RIP Anniv.

Congratulations and Prayerful Good Wishes to **Daniel & Annalise Machin** who were married in our church last week

40 Days for Life
Some wonderful news! The Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston- where abortions have been carried out since 1969- IS TO CLOSE!! Groups have been praying outside the clinic (officially a nursing home) for 30 years. This wonderful news should be shared far and wide. Please visit www.marchforlife.co.uk/2020/01/02/death-of-an-abortion-centre-oldest-uk-abortion-centre-closes-after-50-years/ Thanks to all who have contributed in any way to this campaign. It will continue. More details soon.

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace
John O'Connell, Funeral Mass, Tues 7th January, 12.30pm, Our Lady and All Saints, 13 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ
Alex Beard, Funeral Mass, Tues 7th January, 12noon
Nora Mills, Funeral Mass, Fri 10th January, 12.30pm, The Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, B'ham .
Fr John Ellis, Kathleen Cooke.

We welcome into the family of our parish **Joseph Dobbins**, baptized here recently

Fr John, Fr Kamil, Steve and Fr Dougal wish you all every blessing throughout this New Year
~ The Year of the Word ~

Ten Pin Bowling for Altar Servers-
Sunday January 5th, 2020. We will meet at 3pm at Acocks Green Bowl, Westley Road, Acocks Green. Altar servers go free but they must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank our parishioners for our donations. "They will help FHL to support families and individuals who are struggling with education, employment and health issues and provide ongoing family support to those who desperately need it. With your help we can continue to help Christians in the Holy Land realise they are not forgotten."



Our parish crib will remain up until Candlemas Day, Feb 2nd.

Our **Crib Offerings** this year will be donated to SIFA Fireside Centre and Friends of the Holy Land

Year of the Word - The God Who Speaks.
This special year will run from the First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.

Solemnity of the Epiphany
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
In today's Gospel we hear about another dream which comes to the rescue of Jesus. The wise men from the East are warned not to report back to Herod, but to return home by another route. The wise men were not Jews, they came from the East.. The fact that they were Gentiles shows how open non-Jews were to the arrival of the Messiah and how they recognised him as such when the Jewish authorities could not.

Journey in Faith meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in the parish centre. Are you an adult who has not been baptised? Do you know someone interested in baptism? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Maybe you simply wish to deepen your own faith? All most welcome. **Resumes Jan 6th, 2020**

Next Patricians Discussion Group
Friday 24th January, 7:45pm. Topic 'Why aren't Christians United'

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Sat 18th January, 10:30am. Please let us know if you would like transport. Devotions in honour of St. Peregrine from 10:15am

St Thomas More's Youth Group For youth from Year 5 upwards Starts back after the Christmas Break on Friday 10th January. More leaders are needed, **Training will take place on Saturday 25th January** in the Parish Centre. Please see Fr John or Steve Fleming.

Epiphany Party - to welcome in the New Year and New Decade, 2020, Saturday 4th January after 5:30pm Mass. **ALL MOST WELCOME....**The evening will continue with BINGO, Eyes down 7:30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:
Christian Unity Service- Sun 19th Jan. The service is due to take place at St Giles' church at **6pm on Sunday January 19th**. This will be confirmed next week.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - 29/12
Gift Aid £131.00 ~Non-GA £359.56

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £650
Result for 30.12.19
03-05-08-18
Next draw will take place on **Monday 6th Jan After Mass.**

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sun Jan 12th. The families who have had a child baptised during 2019 are being invited to the 10:30 am Mass that Sunday. It will be followed by a children's party, organised by our Children's Liturgy Group.

Porch Christmas Tree
Please continue to write an intention on a star or angel and place on the porch Christmas tree. The intentions are being prayed for at Masses during the Season of Christmas, which continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one day course on Saturday 11th January 20 20 at Don Bosco House in Colehill for school leaders working outside the faith sector, who are interested in applying for a leadership post in a Catholic School. Please contact Charlotte Kirby c.kirby@bdes.org.uk to book a place.

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter Fahy, Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessler, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Aurora-Rose Hennessey, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Padraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Marie Ryan, Caelan McGurk, Teresa & Des Duffy, William O'Donnell, Carol Peglar, Majella Wynne, Adam Hyde, Joe Evans, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel and Sharna Smith, Kath Beales

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Cassidy, Fr Garrett, Canon Power, Fr Dwyer, Fr Smith, Fr Davis, Fr Harding, Fr Bentley, Fr Becker, Fr Wyles, Deacon Murphy, John O'Sullivan, Geraldine Keavney, Anne Hurley, Benedict Marlow, Doris Ward, Margaret Kealy, Mary McGill, Mary Rattigan, Mary Hill, Patrick Byrne, Catherine Donnelly, Merlyn Peel, Mary Boyle, Catherine Cross, Peter Nizieski, Alf Hanson, Douglas Giles, Eileen Lee, Cora O'Donoghue, Mary Price, William Kelly, Brendan Keenan, Margaret O'Sullivan, John Walsh, David Maher, Gillian O'Boy

Diocesan Directories £2.50 available

Rotas 12 th Jan	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	A	B	C
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	B	A	C
Cleaning:	C.Odilo		
Counting:	J.O'Malley, B.Owens, B.Winspear		
Brasses	S.Garner		