

**ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**

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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>SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>  <b>3rd January 2016 – Year C</b>                  Year of Consecrated Life: November 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 - February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016                  Jubilee Year of Mercy: December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015- November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016</p>	<p><b>St. Andrews Primary &amp; Nursery,</b>                  Windrush Close, Solihull B92 8QL                  Tel: 0121 743 5675.                  Head teacher Mr. David Naughton</p>
<p><b>Masses:</b>  <b>Sat</b> 5.30pm Catherine Rooney, RIP.  <b>Sun</b> 8:30am William Dempsey, RIP Anniv.                  10:30am Norman Dowse, RIP Anniv.  <b>Mon</b> 9:15am Martin Mullins, RIP Anniv.  <b>Tues</b> 10:00am Mary McGill, RIP Anniv.  <b>Wed</b> 9.00am John Anderson, RIP Anniv.  <b>Thur</b> 9.15am People of the Parish (St Andrew's school)                  7:00pm Molly O'Brien, RIP.    <b>Fri</b> 9.15am Michael Gough, RIP                  7.00pm Una Hyland, Ints.  <b>Sat</b> 10:30am Mary Rattigan, RIP Anniv.</p>	<p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:</b> Tuesday                  7pm with Benediction  <u>Rosary</u> is recited daily after Morning Mass.  <u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> Friday, 6:00-6:55pm, Sat 4:25-5:05pm  <b>Morning Prayer of the Church:</b> Mon, Fri 9:00am  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat 9:30-10:00am. 4:30-5:00pm.</p>	
<p><b>Mass Intentions for Next Weekend, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>  <b>Sat</b> 5.30pm Denis Collins, Month's Mind  <b>Sun</b> 8.30am Mary Murtagh, RIP                  10.30am Alf Hanson, RIP Anniv.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Relief Run for Refugees</b>                  Sue Nightingale is returning to Calais on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Could donations of the following items please be made:                  Men's toiletries, ( without packaging)                  Non-perishable food stuffs, tinned fruit, UHT milk, small cartons of fruit juice, small bags of rice, tins of tuna, mackerel, warm hats, scarves, gloves, men's socks.</p> <p>If donations of the above items, which can be left in the porch of the church, could be given by Jan 27<sup>th</sup>., at the latest, please. They will be used to help refugees. Many thanks</p>	
<p><b>Recently Deceased</b>  <b>Margaret Simcox</b> (Coventry Road). Her funeral will take place in Robeen, Hollymount, Co Mayo on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a Mass offered for her here at St Thomas More's at a later point.  <b>Helen Stephens</b> <i>May they Rest in Peace</i></p> <p>Children's Liturgy will re-commence at 10:30am Mass on January 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mass with Anointing of the Sick:</b>                  Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January., 2016, 10:30am.                  If anyone would like transport so that they can attend this Mass, please let Fr John know.</p>	
<p>We Welcome into the family of our parish <b>Alexander Doherty</b> who was baptised here last weekend.</p> <p><b>Patricians Discussion Group:</b> Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7:45pm.                  Topic 'Why can't we receive communion in each other's churches?'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guild of St Stephen</b>                  Congratulations to the 7 new servers who were enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen on St Stephen's Day, and to Ryan Lawlor, Tara Goulding and Brienne Winspear who received silver medals for their faithful service at the altar over several years.</p>	
<p>Ladies Retreat, 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>. February 2016, Soli House, with guest speaker Karen Goodley. Over 18s only. For more information, please see poster in the porch or contact  <a href="mailto:Karen@altoncastle.co.uk">Karen@altoncastle.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Year of Mercy- Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>., 2016</b>                  This year, our Diocese is keeping this day as a <b>Day of Prayer for Parents and Grandparents.</b> The families of all the children who were baptised here in 2015 have been invited by letter to the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday.                  Could every family please bring a small bottle with them to Mass next Sunday. You can bring Holy Water home with you, to bless your children and grandchildren. Prayer cards with a special prayer by Pope Francis will be issued.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Altar Servers' Events</b>  <i>i) Training Session</i>, Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>., 9:30am at St Thomas More's  <i>ii) Trip to the Cinema:</i> Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Altar servers get free admission but they must be accompanied by an adult family member. Please sign the sheet in the porch if you intend to come  <i>iii) Mass of thanksgiving for the Ministry of Altar servers</i>, Sat 13<sup>th</sup>. Feb, 10am at St Chad's cathedral, chief celebrant, Bishop Robert Byrne. The Mass will be followed by a time of adoration and then refreshments. Please let Fr John know if you hope to attend.</p>
<p>Catholic Directories are now on Sale at the Piety Shop - £2.50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Societies:</b>  <b>SVP</b> – First Saturdays, 9:45am  <b>Legion of Mary</b> Thursday, 7:45pm  <b>Thursday Club</b> resumes Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm  <b>Youth Group</b> – resumes Jan 15<sup>th</sup>., 7-8:30pm  <b>Choir Practice</b> Tues Jan 5<sup>th</sup>., 10:45am  <b>Journey in Faith</b> - resumes on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>., 7pm  <b>Confirmation Class</b> – Sun Jan 10<sup>th</sup>., 9:30am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS</b>  <b>27th December</b>                  Gift Aid £242 ~ Non-Gift Aid £522.04</p>	<p><b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan:</b> Christian Unity Service at Elmdon Church, 6:00pm.  <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:</b> Bereavement Group, 7:45pm  <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan:</b> General Parish Meeting, 7:45pm.  <b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:</b> Altar Servers trip to the cinema- More details to follow.</p>	<p>Refreshments after 10:30 Sunday Mass this week- PLEASE SUPPORT!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Thomas More's Parish Tote</b>                  The Jackpot this week is  <b>£1,200</b>                  Result for 29/12/2015  <b>04-09-21-22</b>                  Next draw, <b>Tues 5th Jan – 6:30pm.</b></p> 	<p><b>Rotas for 10th Jan</b>  <b>Readers:</b>  <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>  <b>Cleaning:</b> C.Carr, A.Walsh</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Team A      <b>8:30am</b> Team C      <b>10:30 am</b> Team G  <b>5:30pm</b> Team C      <b>8:30am</b> Team D      <b>10:30 am</b> Team C  <b>Counters:</b> G.Cassidy, E.McLaughlin, L.Dean.</p>	

**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 Tidswell, Freya Williams, Ettie Devine, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Margaret Simcox, 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 Plessner, Lynn, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Bernie O'Gorman, Rita Deehan, Beryl McGrory, Nora Mills, Michael Ward, Frank Maguire, Ami Mucklow, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Margaret Casey, Jack Baker.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Cassidy, Fr Garrett, Canon Power, Fr Dwyer, Fr Smith, Fr Davis, Fr Harding, Fr Bentley, Fr Becker, Mary Claybrook, Thomas Edwards, Irene Hailes, William Dempsey, Mary Nizielski, Joyce Murphy, John Rivers, Denis Moriarty, William Downey, Mary Butler, Martin Mullins, John O'Sullivan, Geraldine Keavney, Anne Hurley, Benedict Marlow, Doris Ward, Margaret Kealy, Mary McGill, Mary Rattigan, Patrick Byrne, Catherine Donnelly, Merlyn Peel, Mary Boyle, Catherine Cross, Peter Nizielski, Alf Hanson, Douglas Giles, Eileen Lee.