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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12TH. July 2020



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The Masses to be celebrated at **7pm** on the days given below **will not be celebrated in church** but will be live-streamed using Facebook

Sat	5.30pm	Hugh Hanratty RIP
Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Peter Kilroy RIP anniv Noreen Donohoe RIP (12 noon- livestreamed Mass- People of the Parish)
Mon	9.30am 7.00pm	Tony Finnegan, sick Willie Fulerton RIP
Tue	5.30pm 7.00pm	Patsy Houston RIP Philomena Clancy RIP
Wed	9.30am 7.00pm	Memorial of St Bonaventure Teresa Mulgrew RIP anniv Mary Agnes Williams RIP
Thu	5.30pm 7.00pm	Kathleen Beale RIP Amber Mattison RIP
Fri	9.30am 7.00pm	Joe Evans RIP Sean Meehan RIP anniv
Sat		(In Private) Holy Souls

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend (in church)

Sat	5.30pm	Thanksgiving from the Cleary family
Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Fr John, Ordination Anniversary People of the Parish The live-streamed Mass will be offered at 12pm for deceased of the Fearon Family

Public Services in Church

We will start having public Masses in our church from the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday July 11th. We need volunteer stewards, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, servers and readers. All offering to help in these ways need to be people who don't presently have to shield, or be living with someone who is shielding. Those attending Mass will be required to wear face coverings- masks or home-made face coverings. It is the responsibility of the person coming to a public service to provide their own face covering. As many people will still be unable to go to church, Mass will also be live-streamed using our Facebook page at 12 noon on Sunday. **The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended.** The diocese is encouraging people to attend a weekday Mass, for their weekly Mass, to avoid congregations on Sundays being too large for safety. From w/c **Mon July 13th**, we are planning to have **Mass in church at 9:30am on Mon, Wed, Fri (church open at 9am) and at 5:30pm on Tues and Thurs (church open at 5pm).** We will be following our standard Sunday Mass times- Sat 5.30pm, Sun 8.30 am and 10.30am at the weekends for Mass in church.

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
Listen to the person behind the words
The story ground is when we are too engrossed in the telly, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner.
The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening- hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

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.

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

Gerard Byrne Funeral Mass, Mon 13th, July, 11am
Kathleen Beale, Funeral Service, Tues 14th, July, 1pm, Robin Hood
Keith Murphy, Burial Service, Thurs 16th, July, 10am, Widney Manor
Myra Lavery

Funerals in the time of the Coronavirus outbreak From w/c July 13th.
It will be possible to have a funeral Mass in our church, following coronavirus guidelines. Memorial Masses can be arranged in our church for those whose funerals have had to be conducted without Mass.

Prayer Sponsors for 1st Holy

Communicants Please consider becoming a prayer sponsor for one of our First Holy Communicants. It is simply a matter of keeping one of the children in your daily prayers. E-mail me at thomas.more@btinternet.com. I will inform sponsors of the name of the child for whom they are being asked to pray as soon as I can. Please keep all the First Holy Communicants in your prayers.

Baptisms and Weddings

The government and the archdiocese have now given permission for baptisms and weddings to take place in church. They have stipulated that only a **maximum of 30 people** can be present- this includes workers e.g photographers. Permission has only presently been given for both of these liturgies to take place without Mass, to minimise the services' duration.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation /

Confessions will be available in our church on Saturday July 18th from **10.00am to 11.00 am**. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the confessionals cannot be used

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter & 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, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine & Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, 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, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel & Sharna Smith, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, Max Taylor.

ANNIVERSARIES Rev Gordon Hunter, Rev John Molyneux, Rev Plunkett Shannon, Rev Edmund Whelan, Mgr John Power, Rev Brian Halton, Rev Geoffrey Wamsley CO, Rev Arthur Warburton, Rev Philip Cleary, Rev Liam O'Connor, Maria Jones, Monica Morgan, Elizabeth Kelly, Edward Smyth, Josephine Courtney, Muriel Trenfield, Margaret Kehoe, Bernie O'Gorman, Teresa Mulgrew, Martin Earls, Julia Mooney, Joyce O'Neill, Winifred Price, Seamus Moylan, Nancy Melody, Anthony Coney, Doreen Begley, James Fearon.

Stewards/Extraordinary Ministers/Readers can I please ask that we meet in church next Saturday morning, July 18th, at 11am, to review how things are proceeding and iron out any difficulties. Thanks for all your help!

Coronavirus Outbreak Update- Re-Opening of the Church for Public Services

Our church is open for 1 hour per day, Monday to Friday. This includes the time for daily public Mass. The daily schedule that we are following is: Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 9am-10am; Tuesday, Thursday evening, 5pm-6pm. Thanks to the parishioners who have offered to be volunteer stewards. We do need more stewards, as the diocese has stipulated that there should be at least 3 stewards in church any time it is open to public. Please contact Fr John if you can help. If you will need disabled access to the church, please contact Fr John in advance. The church toilets will not be available when the church is open for private prayer or for public Mass. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship> and also <https://www.cbew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/>

It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order and Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website.

For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367 or visit www.stthomasmorechurch.com for more information.

Week 15 of Ordinary Time 2020 at St Thomas More's, Sheldon

The following liturgies and services will be conducted behind locked doors **but will all be live-streamed** using our parish Facebook page: St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon
Sunday July 12th, 15th, Sunday of Ordinary Time..... Mass 12noon, Holy Hour 5.30pm.
Week 15 of Ordinary Time Monday, July 13th.... - Friday, July 17th..... from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer.
Sunday, July 19th 16th. Sunday of the Year Mass 12 noon, Holy Hour, Benediction, 5.30pm.
Novenas. The Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Tuesday.
Special Novena to the Sacred Heart. This Novena is being prayed nightly before the Blessed Sacrament, for the intention that a vaccine will be developed shortly for the Coronavirus.
i) Oh Jesus who has said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened".....Behold I knock, I seek, I ask that this prayer, through the intercession of Our Lady, will be granted.....(State Request).....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....
ii) Oh Jesus who has said "Anything you ask the Father in My Name will be granted,"Behold, in Your Name, I ask the Father for the grace of(State Request)Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....
iii) Oh Jesus who has said "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away,".....Behold, encouraged by the infallibility of Your Words, I feel confident that this prayer will be granted.....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace that we ask of you through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, our tender Mother.....Hail Holy Queen.....St Joseph, Foster Father of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us



Many thanks to George and Agnes Cassidy for producing the flower displays in church as we re-open for public Mass. Many thanks to all who are helping us to operate safely in church, giving of their time and energy as we take another step towards normality. God Bless you all!