



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17th July 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

Intention

John Madden RIP

Eileen Richardson RIP Anniv
Rita & Paul Sommerville

Weekday Masses

Monday 18th

9:30am Holy Mass

Daniel McCarthy RIP Anniv

Tuesday 19th

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass

Clare Madden

Wednesday 20th

9:30am Holy Mass

Saint Thomas More School
Children & Staff

Thursday 21st

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

---- NO Adoration

---- NO Mass

Friday 22nd Saint Mary Magdalene

---- NO Mass

Saturday 23rd Saint Bridget, Patron of Europe

---- NO Morning Mass

Next Sunday 24th THE XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

John & Ellen O'Sullivan RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

11:00am Solemn Mass

Elizabeth Madden

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



SAINT BRIDGET

PATRON OF EUROPE

Guided in her spiritual endeavours by a learned religious who introduced her to the study of Scripture, Bridget had a very positive influence upon her family, which, thanks to her, truly became a "domestic church."

Bridget and her husband adopted the Rule of the Franciscan tertiaries. She generously carried out works of charity towards the poor, even founding a hospital.

This first period of Bridget's life helps us to appreciate what we might describe today as an authentic "spirituality for couples."

Christian married couples can follow the path to holiness together, sustained by the grace of the sacrament of matrimony.

After Bridget was left a widow, the second period of her life began. She refused to remarry in order to grow deeper in her union with the Lord through prayer, penance and works of charity. Thus, Christian widows too can find in this saint a model they can follow.

By proclaiming her co-patroness of Europe, Pope John Paul II was hoping that St. Bridget — who lived in the 14th century when Western Christianity had still not been wounded by division — might intercede fruitfully before God to obtain the much-awaited grace of full unity among all Christians.

THE SANCTUARY

The restoration of the Sanctuary is a work in progress, however, as this is a listed building this takes more time than one would think. A building is listed to protect its architectural heritage. This church is so listed because of the architect, Richard Gilbert Scott, and as it is significant as catholic architecture following Vatican II.

The architect is putting together all that is necessary for the application for the faculty. It is hoped that the wall of the Sanctuary will be the same sort of gold as the Holy Family Small Heath and all of one colour. As well as the redecoration of the wall of the Sanctuary we hope to move the font to the position of the wooden one so that it will make a more fitting place for the celebration of Holy Baptism.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Fr George Grynowski, Bernadette Corcoran
Francis McCartan - Requiem Mass Wednesday
3rd August 10:15am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of David Macklin and T & E O'Toole.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

10.07.22 – Gift Aid £112.00 Non-Gift Aid: £401.10
Total £513.10

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Apostleship of the Sea - £238.68

Next Weekend – Retiring collection for the Priests Training Fund.

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

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

PARISH DIARY

JULY

Friday 22nd End of the School Term

AUGUST

Saturday 6th The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday 14th The Solemnity of the Assumption

DEACON STEVEN FLEMING

Steven is being ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 23rd July at the Cathedral. The numbers at the Cathedral are limited. Steven is inviting us to his Mass of Thanksgiving the following day, Sunday 24th. The First Mass is at Our Lady of the Assumption Maryvale at 3:00pm followed by a Reception at Maryvale Centre. RSVP by 20th July to - stevenordination@gmail.com

NEW VICE RECTOR FOR OSCOTT

Fr Michael Dolman, Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott is delighted to announce that Fr Andrew Allman is the new Vice Rector. Fr Andrew, of Lancaster Diocese, will take up his appointment on Wednesday 3 August. He is currently the parish priest at St Clare's, Preston and the chaplain at the Royal Preston Hospital.

St Mary's College, Oscott, the seminary of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, forms men for the priesthood from 15 dioceses in England, Wales and Scotland, as well as Religious Congregations. It also prepares men for ministry as permanent deacons for five dioceses.

Fr Andrew takes over from Fr Paul Keane, who has been appointed as Catholic Chaplain to the University of Cambridge.

Please pray for the work of all involved in preparing those for the priesthood. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood.

The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood here at Saint Thomas More is on Monday 7th November.

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ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE JACKPOT £600

Result for 13th July 2022

WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE PORCH
N.B. There are still winnings to be collected from the Draw that took place on the 17th March 2020.

1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+

