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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19TH. 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	Thanksgiving from the Cleary family
Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Fr John Ordination Anniversary People of the Parish (12 noon- livestreamed Mass- Fearon family RIP)
Mon	9.30am 7.00pm	Michael and Mary Gallagher Sick Myra Lavery RIP
Tue	5.30pm 7.00pm	Joseph Loughlin RIP Pat and Sadie Kelly intentions
Wed	9.30am 7.00pm	Feast of St Mary Magdalene Elizabeth Hope, ints Shadia Anderson ints
Thu	5.30pm 7.00pm	Feast of St Bridget of Sweden Kathleen Beale RIP Ellen Hartle RIP
Fri	9.30am 7.00pm	John O'Connell RIP John Smith RIP
Sat		Feast of St James, Apostle (In private- People of the Parish)

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend (in church)

Sat	5.30pm	Earlis and Lenihan families
Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Kathleen Cooke RIP Hannah and Michael Brosnan RIP

Recently Deceased

Bernadette Miles Funeral Mass, Mon July 27th, 11.30am

Sylvia Bunce

Funerals in the time of the Coronavirus outbreak It is now 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 25th 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 & Lillian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessner, 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, Colette Hickey, Max Taylor.

ANNIVERSARIES Rev Thomas Rock, canon Laurence Kelly, Rev Albert Kelly, Mgr Peter Ryall, Rev Anthony Owen, Rev Euan Henderson, James Fearon, John O'Brien, Barry Adams, Margaret McKeivitt, Maria O'Leary, Thomas Carroll, John Naughton, Baby Humera Johangeer, Bernard Cleary, Anna Maciolek, Philip Daly, Arthur Coleman, Rita McCabe, Bethany Taylor, Margaret Cleary, Anthony Harriman
Our Neighbours, **Our Lady Help of Christians, Kitts Green**, are hoping to re-open shortly. If anyone can help them with stewarding etc, could you please meet at the church on East Meadow on Saturday, July 25th. at 11.00am

Public Services in Church

We are having public Masses in our church. We still 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. Weekday Masses in our church will take place as follows: **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.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
Attentive listening
The Gospel today raises questions about our ability "to listen". We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command "...listen, anyone who has ears".

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.

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.cbcew.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 16 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 19th, 16th. Sunday of Ordinary Time.... Mass 12noon, Holy Hour 5.30pm. Week 16 of Ordinary Time Monday, July 20th... - Friday, July 24th.....- from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer. Sunday, July 26th 17th. 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**



Clergy Moves As announced last week, upon the request of the Archbishop, I will be moving from St Thomas More's in September, to become parish priest of the parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Joseph the Worker in Banbury. I will be very sad to leave Sheldon, but I am most grateful for the tremendous support I have received here in the past 10 years. I know that you will also greatly support my successor, Fr Christopher Miller. Many, many thanks and may God bless you all!