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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
26TH. July 2020



St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch
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Tel: 0121 743 5675.
Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

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 Earlis and Lenihan families

Sun 8.30am Kathleen Cooke RIP
10.30am Hannah and Michael Brosnan RIP

Mon 9.30am Nancy, Mick and Kevin Melody RIP
7.00pm Iris Fearon RIP

Tue 5.30pm FrJohn Ints
7.00pm Evelyn Allen ints
Memorial of St Martha

Wed 9.30am Kathleen Cooke RIP
7.00pm Michael Bresnihan RIP

Thu 5.30pm Maureen Conlon RIP
7.00pm Albert and Mary Nichols RIP
Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola

Fri 9.30am Joe Evans RIP
7.00pm Doris Bond RIP

Sat **Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri**
In Private: Niall Keane RIP

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat 5.30pm Bernadette Miles RIP

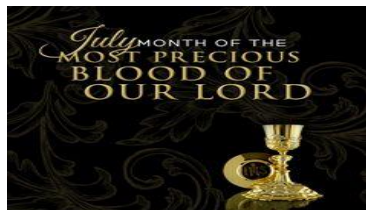
8.30am Mary and Patrick Conway RIP

10.30am Gerry Meehan RIP anniv

Recently Deceased

Bernadette Miles Funeral Mass, Mon July 27th, 11.30am
Jason Corcoran Funeral Service Mon Aug 3rd, 1.00pm, Robin Hood
John O'Sullivan Funeral Mass, Tues Aug 4th, 10am
Mary Toon
May they rest in peace

Confessions will be available in our church on Saturday August 1st from **10.00am-11.00am**. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used. We welcome into the family of our parish Arianna Munachismo and Lilly-Marie and Reggie Whittaker who were **baptised** here last week. (Under coronavirus restrictions, a maximum of 30 people are allowed to be present at a Baptism.)



Thanks to all who have offered to be prayer sponsors for our First Holy Communicants. Your next Parish priest, Fr Christopher Miller, will make arrangements for the 2020 child First Holy Communions and Confirmations when he arrives the parish in September.

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, Elaine & Lilian 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 Euan Henderson Rev Denis O'Shea, Rev Basil Wrighton, Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh, Rev Thomas Duffy, Canon Arthur Diamond, Francis Burns, Josephine Giles, Margaret Lunney, Delia Cunnane, Emily Frith, Gerald Cassidy, Mary Wild, Patrick Hegarty, Ann Marie Lynch, Mary Creighton, Francis Lunney, Francis haswell, Eileen Maher, Trevor Williams, Margaret Reidy, Jan Howal

Public Services in Church

Public Masses are taking place 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: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am (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.
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
Instead of praying for "treasure", King Solomon prayed for wisdom "to discern good from evil". When discerning what "loving" really means, you find "hidden treasure" in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the "hidden treasure" in each other. Sharing this, you sow "seeds" of love in the minds and hearts of others.

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. This includes the time for daily public Mass. The daily schedule that we will be 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 17 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 26th, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time.....** Mass 12noon, Holy Hour 5.30pm. **Week 17 of Ordinary Time Monday, July 27th.... - Friday, July 31st.....-** from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer. **Sunday, August 2nd.** 18th. 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**

Congratulations and Prayerful good wishes to Sean and Claire Weldon who were married in our church this week.

This week's flowers have been very kindly donated by the McGurk family, in memory of Bernadette Miles.

St Peter's Catholic secondary school, Solihull, have published details of their re-opening schedule for September on their website: <https://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk>

The Archdiocese is advertising for a Safeguarding Advisor. For an informal discussion, call Alan Hassall on 0121 230 6275 or e-mail Gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org

Many, many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to help in the parish in these strange times. May God bless you all!