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THE XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 31st July 2022

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Earlis & Lenihan Family RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Newman, Dalton & Bishop Families.

11:00am Solemn Mass

Michael Mullins

12noon Holy Baptism

12:45pm Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

AUGUST

Monday 1st Saint Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori

9:30am Holy Mass Patrick & Mary Conway RIP

Tuesday 2nd Saint Peter Julian Eymard

The Portiuncula in Assisi

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Margaret, Cathal, John & Berni McGrory

Wednesday 3rd

10:15am Requiem Mass Francis McCartan

Thursday 4th Saint John Mary Vianney

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass John Coughlan RIP

Friday 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

11:00am – 12noon *Please note the change of times*
Eucharistic Adoration

12noon Holy Mass Bridie Greenan

Saturday 6th The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00am Holy Mass Private Intention

10:30am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration &

First Saturday Devotions

12noon Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 7th THE XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Siobhan Bilton

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Seamus O'Grady

11:00am Solemn Mass John & Margaret Lyons RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

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

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays
During Adoration on First Fridays



THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up a high mountain and was transfigured before them, becoming so dazzlingly bright that they were "whiter than the work of any bleacher could make them"

The liturgy invites us to focus our gaze on this mystery of light. On the transfigured face of Jesus, a ray of light which he held within shines forth. This same light was to shine on Christ's face on the day of the resurrection. In this sense, the Transfiguration appears as a foretaste of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration invites us to open the eyes of our hearts to the mystery of God's light, present throughout salvation history.

With the Risen Christ, truth and love triumph over deceit and sin. In him, God's light henceforth illumines definitively human life and the course of history: "I am the light of the world," he says in the Gospel, "he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

THE PORTIUNCULA

The Portiuncula is the small Catholic church located within the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels in Assisi.

The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence on the 2nd August, under the usual conditions:- To be in a state of grace and to receive Holy Communion, to pray for the Pope's intentions and to visit a church and pray at least the Our Father and the Creed.

SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

He once described himself as "a little like Jacob, always on a journey," always seeking. But, in truth, it was there from the beginning — the great love and the driving passion of his life: Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. One day, young Peter Julian, just five years of age, wandered off from the family home. His sister and half-sister searched frantically for the boy and finally located him in the parish church, standing on a stool close to the tabernacle of the high altar. In response to their anxious questioning, he answered simply, "I am here listening to Jesus." His life was a true journey to Christ in the Eucharist, a journey begun intuitively on that day when a small boy wandered away from his family home to go to church — to listen to Jesus in the tabernacle.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove you 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 AUGUST

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS AND FLOWERS This week are sponsored in memory of Margaret, Cathal, John & Bernadette McGrory.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

24.07.22 – Gift Aid £118.10 Non-Gift Aid: £439.85
Total £557.95

Clergy Training Fund - £271.28

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.

NEW & NEARLY NEW – Thank you

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a success. Final amount next week.

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

AUGUST

Saturday 6th
Sunday 14th

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
The Solemnity of the Assumption

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3rd
Monday 5th
Saturday 10th

March for Life UK - London
The Start of the Academic Year
Refresher Day for parish liturgical ministers
At Saint Nicholas Boldmere. 10:00am – 3:00pm

NOVEMBER

Monday 7th

The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

FATHER STEVEN FLEMING

Please pray for Fr Steven who was ordained a priest last weekend. He hopes to come and offer Mass here at Saint Thomas More in the near future.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 13th September, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

THE SOWER

Out now! Summer edition of *The Sower* magazine

Snap up the latest edition of the Diocesan magazine, *The Sower*.

This free magazine is available in churches and online now.

Featuring a great selection of articles showcasing the work of our parishes, schools and communities.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

On August 14th, with Aid to the Church In Need, the Diocesan Shrine of Our lady of Lourdes at Hednesford is holding a Pilgrimage on the Feast of the Assumption to focus attention on the need of the Suffering Church. Our preacher, Monsignor Daniel McHugh, is the Diocesan Ethnic Chaplaincy Coordinator and well acquainted with the needs of the Church throughout the world.

Sunday August 14th - Aid to the Church in Need Assumption Pilgrimage

- 3 pm - Mass – Mgr. Daniel McHugh, Ethnic Chaplaincy Coordinator, Preacher.
- 4 pm - Refreshments
- 4.30 -5.15pm Speakers on the Suffering Church.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 27th July 2022
Winning Numbers 11-17-20-10
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 3rd August after Mass
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+