



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Tony Mahon RIP
SUNDAY	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Rose Masters & Joyce Powell
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	Pro Populo
12 noon Holy Baptism	
<b>3:30pm Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
<b>Stations of the Eucharist &amp; Solemn Benediction</b>	

### *Weekday Masses*

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Charls Lwanga & Companions**

9:30am Holy Mass Donald

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Holy Mass Elizabeth Smith

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Saint Boniface**

9:30am Holy Mass Rita Mottram RIP Anniv

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Norbert**

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass June Cole RIP

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

9:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

#### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

10:00am Holy Mass Private Intention

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### **THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### *Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Tony & Edel McLoughlin

SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Holy Mass** Jim Martyn RIP Anniv

**11:00am Solemn Mass** Sean Hyland RIP Anniv

#### **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



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Jesus gives himself to me, to everyone, in this Bread and makes us able to pursue our journey toward Heaven, toward eternity. *“Whoever eats this bread will live forever”*. In this Bread, Jesus makes me partake of his love, he clothes me with it, he nourishes me with it. He himself is both the banquet and the food. Jesus himself is Eucharist: *“This is my body.... This is my blood...”*. In other words: This is my life, it is I. The Eucharist is an anticipation of what we will live in eternity together.

In giving us this Bread, Jesus makes us realize we have been made for great things, higher things. By looking toward the things above, which is consistent with the call to be “born from above” (see Jn. 3:3), Jesus reveals the perspective through which we are called to look on life – not stopping at earthly things, looking only horizontally (see Col. 3:1-4), but looking up, aiming high. The Eucharist is the Sacrament which catapults us toward the things of Heaven. It invites us to think higher, in a vertical dimension, according to God and not according to others (see Mk. 8:33). Toward that end, the Eucharist is offered to us as nourishment, strength, the bread from heaven so that *“whoever eats my flesh will live because of me, will live forever”* (see Jn. 6:51, 54). This, and only this, can deliver us from a flat and trivial life.

*Pope Francis*

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests – is celebrated on the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This suggests to us that the Eucharist (Corpus Christi) is none other than the Heart of Jesus himself, of the One who “takes care of us” with his “heart”.

*Divine Heart of Jesus,*

*I offer you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,*

*Mother of the Church,*

*in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice,*

*my prayers, actions, joys and sufferings of this day*

*in reparation for sins and for the salvation of all people,*

*in the grace of the Holy Spirit for the glory of the Heavenly Father.*

*Amen.*



**The Month of the Sacred Heart**, owing to the fact that the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during June.

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

##### Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Sally Smyth, Simon Carlin, Kieran O'Neill, Mary Locke, Dorothy Foy, John Donohoe.

Mary Hayes Reception at St Augustine's, Solihull.  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm  
Requiem Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 12:30pm

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS & FLOWERS** This week are sponsored in memory of the McDonald, Holden & Taylor Families.

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

#### WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

26.05.24 - Gift Aid: £187.35. Non-Gift Aid: £411.95.  
Total: £599.30.

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Priests Training Fund - £274.74.**

**16.06** – Day for Life

#### 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.

**BIRMINGHAM HOSPICE** street collection Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Boxes available after all Masses this weekend.

#### SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at:

[sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

#### PARISH DIARY

##### JUNE

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Eucharistic Adoration

Stations of the Eucharist & Solemn Benediction 3:30pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Mass – Saint Thomas More 7:00pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Saint Thomas More Festival

The Feast of Saint Thomas More Holy Mass 1:00pm

The School Celebration of 70 Years

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More

Holy Mass 10:00am

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Saint Thomas More Sunday

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Holy Mass 9:00am & Solemn Mass 11:00am

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Mass – Saint Andrew's 7:00pm

#### Adoremus – National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress – Sept 2024

##### WHAT IS THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS?

*"The Eucharist is the presence of Jesus, it is deeply transforming. Jesus comes and must transform you. In the Eucharist, it is Christ who offers Himself, who gives himself for us. He invites us, so that our lives may be nourished by Him and may nourish the lives of our brothers and sisters"*

*Pope Francis*

Each diocese across England and Wales will participate in the Congress with participants gathering to renew our devotion to Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

##### WHEN AND WHERE IS THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS?

The Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024. St Mary's College was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation and in 2024 the Procession will lead the Church in preparing for the Jubilee Year. It is hoped the day will renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

##### EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses this weekend. Please renew your commitment to this ministry at one of the Corpus Christi Masses.

##### BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

##### SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lay Chaplain and Pastoral Officer role at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School. Permanent role required from September 2024. Closing date Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 9.00am. For more information please visit the school website. St Peter's Catholic School - Lay Chaplain and Pastoral Officer ([st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:st-peters.solihull.sch.uk))



**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250**  
Result for 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - **Winning Numbers 23-05-20-01**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June after 9:30am Mass.**