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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 13th March 2022

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Bert & Rita Duffy RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Pope Francis

11:00am Solemn Mass

Rose Diver Ints &
Maura Killeen RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 14th

9:30am Holy Mass

Special Intention – S.C.

Tuesday 15th

11:00am Requiem Mass

Nora Earp

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Geraldine McGrory

Wednesday 16th

9:30am Holy Mass

Kathleen McFarlane

10:00am RCIA

10:30am Saint Thomas More School

First Confessions

Thursday 17th Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Maura Farrell

6:30pm RCIA

Friday 18th

9:30am Holy Mass

Soul of Sonia

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOESPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

John Carroll

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th SAINT JOSEPH

10:00am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

Next Sunday 20th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Joseph McCartney & Family

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Iris Salt RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Mena Jordan RIP Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

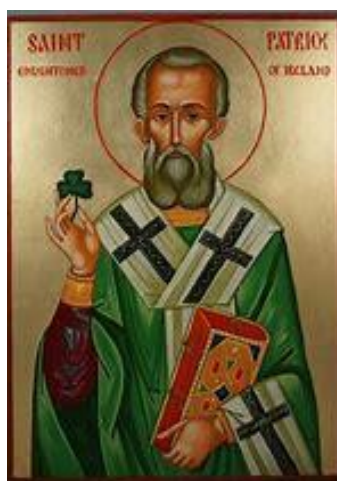
Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical Quamquam Pluries in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

"Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God."



SAINT PATRICK - was clearly well versed in scripture, and prayed by day and by night, in rain, hail, and snow. But beyond this it's clear that prayer was not simply an activity, but the very attitude of his being; as if his breathing pulse was the Spirit, and every moment, movement and word were of Christ. This God to Patrick, as to Jeremiah in today's first reading, was the fount and source, the one who formed, who knew, who consecrated, who appointed, who commanded, who put his words in Patrick's mouth...*it was not by my own grace, but God working in me...* Saint Patrick regularly says.

POPE FRANCIS

This Sunday is the 9th Anniversary of the Election of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Please pray for his health and well-being.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC'

Instruction meetings will take place in preparation for Easter on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm (after the Mass) beginning on March 3rd and also on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am (after the Mass) beginning on March 9th. All welcome. These will run every week until Holy Week. After Easter there will be more instruction to understand even further the mysteries of the true faith. These will take place in the John Fisher Room.

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 MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Nora Earp

Requiem Mass Tuesday 15th March 11:00am

Josie Brannigan

Anne O'Rourke

Larry Keohane

Joseph Borg

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Angela & John Walsh and the Deceased of the Doody Family.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

06.03.22 - Gift Aid: £105.80 Non-Gift Aid: £482.38

Total: £588.18

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – CAFOD

Next Weekend – Friends of the Holy Land

Cathedral Maintenance - £224.27

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

MARCH

Wednesday 16th Saint Thomas More First Confessions 10:30am

Saturday 19th The Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Mass 10:00am

Friday 25th The Solemnity of the Annunciation
Holy Mass 9:30am
Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am – 11:00am

Friday 25th 12noon – Saturday 26th 12noon
"24 Hours for the Lord"

APRIL

Sunday 10th The beginning of Holy Week

Thursday 14th – Saturday 16th
The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Maundy Thursday 14th
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday 15th
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 16th
Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm

Sunday 17th Easter Day

Saturday 30th Comedy Night

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above not at our Catholic Schools who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy please collect an application form from the Sacristy after Mass or phone the Parish office.

BETHLEHEM – OLIVE WOOD FOR SALE – NEXT WEEKEND

We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham.

Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the holy land to stay at work as olive wood carvers is one of the most important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. So by selling their produce here in their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there is only forty one thousands Christians left in the area.

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCIES;

CLERK TO THE SCHOOL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – Fixed Term/Permanent.

Salary grade 3, point 22, 1.5 hours a week all year round (FTE £22,183). A Highly organised, self-motivated Clerk with a professional manner and the effective communication skills required to provide full support to the Principal, Chair and Committee Representatives required. Closing date for applications is Midday Friday 4th May 2022. If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact 0121 743 3289 or enquiry@sttommor.bham.sch.uk in the first instance.

GOLD ! GOLD ! GOLD !

We are going to continue with this and hope to be able to do more good works in the Parish.