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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 1st March 2020 - A



St. Thomas More Primary Sch.
Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU
Tel: 0121 743 3289.
Headteacher: Mrs Kate Madia

St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch
Windrush Close, B92 8QL
Tel: 0121 743 5675.
Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

Masses		
Sat	5:30pm	Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ints
Sun	8:30am	Patrick & Mary Conway, RIP
	10:30am	Kitty Ready, Ints
Mon		Feast of St Chad
	9:15am	Ann Brennan, 100 th Birthday
	6:30pm	Brendan & Margaret Delaney, Ints
Tue	9:15am	Pauline & Michael Simons, Ints
	7:00pm	Ian Salt, RIP Anniv.
Wed	9:00am	John O'Connell, RIP
	7:00pm	Ronnie Merrick
Thu	9:15am	Dan Santisteban, RIP (St Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Adrian O'Sullivan, RIP Anniv.
Fri	10:00am	Kath Beale, Ints
	7:00pm	Lor Galura, RIP
Sat	9:00am	John Deery, Ints

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Tuesday during 7:00pm Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration - Tues 9:45-11:00am. 1st Sat Holy Hour 9:30-10:00am. 4:25-5:05pm.
Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon, Tues, Fri, 9:00am, Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession: 1st Friday 6:30-7:00pm. Sat, 9:30-10:00am, 4:30-5:00pm.
Stations of the Cross - Fri, 6:30pm

Year of the Word - The God Who Speaks.
First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
First Sunday in Lent
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
Avoid Independence
Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship

Parish Societies:
SVP - Second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thurs 7:45 pm
Choir Practice Tues 6.30pm
Thursday Club from 1pm on Thurs
RCIA: Monday, 7pm.
Legion of Mary - General Meeting Times
Adult Group - Thurs Eves 7:45pm
Junior Group - Friday Eves 6:00pm
Both meet in the Parish Centre.
School Groups: St Andrew's Fri 3:45pm
St Thomas More's Mondays 3:30pm

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Philomena O'Connor, RIP Anniv.
Sun	8:30am	Tony Gately, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Margaret Wilks, RIP

Retreats and Pilgrimages
Retreat at Mount St Bernard Abbey, near Coalville, Leics. LE67 5UL
Wed. March 4th. 2020- Fri March 6th, 2020..
Places for those staying overnight have now been booked. You are welcome to join our group as a day retreatant on Thursday. More info. from Fr John.

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace
Joe Evans, John Carlin, Roger Webb

Journey in Faith meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in the parish centre. Are you an adult who has not been baptised? Do you know someone interested in baptism? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Maybe you simply wish to deepen your own faith? All most welcome.

We welcome into the family of our parish, **Scott & Finbar Walton** and **Sienna, Felicity & Hudson Ryder** who were baptised here last week.

Coronavirus Outbreak
This advice has been issued by our diocese:
i) **If you have cold/flu symptoms**, please do not shake hands at the sign of peace or receive Holy Communion from the chalice. Please receive the sacred host on the hand only.
ii) When attending Mass, please sanitise your hands using the gel dispensers at the entrances. More detailed guidance is available from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>

Vacancies have arisen for an **Admin Assistant & Finance Assistant** at the Columbans and a **RC Chaplain** at HMP Hewell - More details on posters in porch!

40 Days for Life
There is now a new prayer campaign, focussing on the Robert Clinic, 162 Station Road, King's Norton B30 1DB. Prayer vigils will be taking place outside this clinic from 8am-8pm every day until Sunday April 5th. 2020. Volunteers are urgently needed, please contact Isabel on 07773501721 if you can help

Fr Jan Nowotnik
Fr Jan, a native of our parish, has been appointed by the Bishop's Conference as National Ecumenical Officer and Secretary for Evangelisation and Discipleship. May we keep him in our prayers.

Re-Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. Our Bishops are to re-dedicate England as the Dowry of Mary on March 29th, 2020- restoring a medieval title given to this land by King Richard II. More details www.dowrytour.org.uk In order to prepare for this historic event, we are being encouraged to pray the Angelus daily. It would also be fitting to consecrate our lives to Jesus through Mary, according to the spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please take a leaflet, free of charge, from the porch.

St Thomas More's Youth Group For youth from Year 5 upwards, meeting on Friday evenings, 7-8:30pm. Resumes Feb 28th. More leaders are needed.

Kidd School of Irish Dancing
Lessons; Wednesday after school till 5pm in Parish Centre.
Contact Sharon 07973 537383
Saturdays 9:45am start at the Women's Institute, Solihull, B91 3DQ
Contact 07971 857935

World Day of Prayer - 6th March 2020
This year we pray for Zimbabwe. Poster in porch

St Thomas More's Parish Mission 2020
Sat., October 3rd to Sat., October 10th 2020.
The mission will be preached by the Redemptorists. Its focus will be **Family Life**.
Next Holy Hour in preparation for our Mission: **Sunday March 1st, at 5.30pm.**
Our church building is 50 years old this year. Our mission has been planned to coincide with this special year for us. More details of other prayer events soon.

Forthcoming Events:
Ecumenical Lenten Lunch, Lyndon Rd Methodist Church, 1:00pm, Tues 3rd March.
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers, Meeting, Fri 13th March 7:45pm, Dougal's Den.
St Patrick's & St Joseph's Day Celebration, Thurs 19th March from 1:00pm.
Parish Lenten Day of Prayer, Sat 21st March (more details later)

Lent 2020
Please buy a Lenten Walk with Me book and take a second copy free of charge to pass on to someone you know. There will be Adoration on Tuesday evenings during Lent after the Novena Mass until 8pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - 23/02
Gift Aid £137.70 ~Non-GA £388.63
This Weekend - Cathedral Maintenance
Next Weekend - Cafod, Family Fast

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni, June 1st-8th. There are now more than 30 participants. The balance for the pilgrimage is due to be paid in early April. There will be another get-together in early May.

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £1,050
Result for 23.02.2020
05-11-22-24
Next draw will take place on **Tuesday 3rd March After Mass.**

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools A group will meet on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Parish Centre, **starting Sunday March 1st, 2020**, to prepare children in Year 3 or above at non-Catholic schools for their First Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. **First Holy Communion Masses** will be celebrated in our parish over the weekend **May 16th/17th**.

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter Fahy, Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tidswell, Freya Williams, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine Collins, 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, Pdraig 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 and Sharna Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 20th April 2020. £599pp, Single Supp £100. More Details in Porch.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop Dunn, Fr Diver, Fr McGuinness, Fr Murphy, Fr Carter, Fr Pinkman, Fr Crookenden, Fr Luxon, Canon Allport, Geoff Highton, Baby Groucho McGroarty, Jean Jay, Margaret Marshall, John Marley, Edward Richard, Maureen Bardin, Vincent Sequeira, Ian Salt, Brenda Balderson, Edward Maher, Robert Miller, Patrick Lynch, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jeremiah Moloney, Mary Evans, Peter Mills, David Babb, Thomas Hennessey, Patricia Perkins, Mary McHugh, Ellen O'Sullivan, Nora Newman, Margaret McGettigan.

Next Bingo, Sat 29th Feb (please note!) Parish Centre. Eyes down 7pm

Rotas 8th March	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	C	B	E
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	B	A	A
Cleaning:	S.Garner, A.Cassidy		
Counting:	A.Aulton, A.Corkery, J.Crossan		
Brasses	J & A Perkins		