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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 20th March 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

12noon Holy Baptism

Intention

Joseph McCartney & Family

Iris Salt RIP Anniv

Mena Jordan RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 21st

---- NO Mass

Tuesday 22nd

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 23rd

---- NO Mass

Thursday 24th

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

---- NO Adoration

6:00pm Vigil Mass Colin McCarthy RIP Anniv

Friday 25th THE ANNUNCIATION

9:30am Solemn Mass Nora Earp RIP

---- NO Morning Adoration

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

4:30pm – 5:30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00pm Holy Mass June Henderson

6:30pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 26th

10:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo

10:30am – 11:30am

Eucharistic Adoration &

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday 27th THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Maureen Hedigon

Ann O'Rourke RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass Rafferty Family RIP Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday Evening 5:00pm – 5:50pm

Saturday Morning 10:30am – 11:30am

No Evening Confessions

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, 25 March, during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over at 5pm in St Peter's Basilica.

The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, said in a statement: "The same act, on the same day, will be performed in Fatima by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner," who is being sent there by the Pope.

During this time when the Pope is in Saint Peter's Basilica there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. At 3:00pm we will begin with the Divine Mercy.

Mary's "Let it be done to me" transforms the humble house of "her" being into God's House, becoming a Tabernacle of the Most High, Jesus. All it took was her "Let it be done to me", a sign of her willingness, knowing she could trust in the action of the Holy Spirit. And God entered into history, accepting to "make" history in the lives of those who have said and who would say over and over again, "Let it be done to me".

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD –

FRIDAY 25TH 12NOON – SATURDAY 26TH 12NOON

The Holy Father has called for this to be a time of Penance when we come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Therefore, on Friday the 25th there will be Confessions from 4:30pm – 5:30pm and on Saturday 26th from 10:30am – 11:30am.

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
Josie Brannigan
Anne O'Rourke
Larry Keohane
Joseph Borg

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the Living & Deceased of the Duffy Family and The People of the Ukraine.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

13.03.22 - Gift Aid: £138.10 Non-Gift Aid: £391.96
Total: £530.06

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Friends of the Holy Land
Next Weekend – Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal
CAFOD - £433.88

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

Friday 25th The Solemnity of the Annunciation
Holy Mass 9:30am
Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Holy Mass 6:00pm

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

BETHLEHEM – OLIVE WOOD FOR SALE – THIS 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 thousand Christians left in the area.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 17th May, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

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. The Instruction class will be on **Tuesday 26**

th April at 4:00pm in church.

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. With another generous donation of £300, Gift Aided so £375, we have now £3660. Many thanks.