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**ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**

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**St. Thomas More Primary Sch.**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### - 22<sup>ND</sup> March 2020 - A



**St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch**

Windrush Close, B92 8QL  
Tel: 0121 743 5675.

Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

Public Celebrations of Holy Mass will cease from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for the foreseeable future.  
Fr John and Fr Kamil will continue to offer Mass for the intentions of those listed on the newsheet.

#### Mass Intentions from Saturday 21.03.20 PM to Saturday 28.03.20 AM

<b>Sat</b>	21.03.20	Iris Salt, RIP Anniv. Ena Comerford and Pauline Dunne ints
<b>Sun</b>	22.03.20	Joe Evans RIP Catherine Healey, RIP Anniv.
<b>Mon</b>	23.03.20	Donald Reaney, Ints People of the Parish
<b>Tue</b>	24.03.20	Mary Wade, Get Well Rafferty Family, RIP Anniv.
<b>Wed</b>	25.03.20	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b> John Rymkiewicz, RIP Anniv. Neilie Sheehan, RIP Anniv.
<b>Thu</b>	26.03.20	Margaret Glenn RIP Gerard & Sarah Scanlon, RIP
<b>Fri</b>	27.03.20	Pat Murray, RIP Lorraine Mitchell, RIP
<b>Sat</b>	28.03.20	Deepa, Thanksgiving

#### Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

<b>Sat</b>	28.03.20	Theresa Ryan, RIP
<b>Sun</b>	29.03.20	Betty Kaminski, RIP Patricia & Thomas Diver, RIP

#### Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

**Mario Lao**, Funeral Service Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March, Yardley Crem., 2.30pm  
**Leo Weafer**, Funeral Service, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March, Robin Hood Crem, 3.30pm  
**Eileen Kenney**, Funeral Service, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Yardley Crem, 1.00pm

#### Sacraments and Devotions

All public church services are suspended until further notice.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available on request, please contact the presbytery.

Please contact Fr John if the visit of a priest is needed with the **Sacrament of the Sick**. Fr John will pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at his private Mass on Tuesday, praying for those on the sick list.

#### Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

#### Reflection for Married Couples

Stop and see, be aware

God was aware of David's adultery with Bethsheba, Uriah's wife, and how he arranged Uriah's murder to cover his sin. Amid political and business "cover ups" in today's world, it's important to 'stop and see' - the beauty of nature, the beauty and goodness of your spouse. Don't be too busy to recall the joys you have brought to each other.

Congratulations to Bishop David Oakley, former Rector of Oscott College Seminary. Bishop David was installed Bishop of Northampton on the Solemnity of St Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations also to Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright who have been appointed by Pope Francis as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Bishops elect David and Stephen are due to be ordained bishops on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

May we keep them all specially in our prayers.

#### A Spiritual Holy Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I  
embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never  
permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*Due to the directions from The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, it has been agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin from Friday 20th March 2020 following the 7:00pm Mass.*

*The Church will be open for private prayer on a daily basis between the hours of 9:00am and 7:00pm. Please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Church.*

*Fr John and Fr Kamil will continue to celebrate a Mass each day for those that have intentions on the newsheet.*

*For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367.*

*We are expecting a high volume of calls, so please be patient with us and be clear when leaving your message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.*

*Please visit [www.stthomasmorerchurch.com](http://www.stthomasmorerchurch.com) for more information.*

#### Please note:

+ *The newsheet will continue to be published on the website on a weekly basis and hard copies will be available in Church, but please remember to take them with you.*

+ *Sunday Mass offerings can be posted through the Presbytery door.*

+ *The Tote will be frozen until further notice, any advance payments will be resumed when we are back to normal.*

+ *Mass cards are also available from the Presbytery*

+ *Copies of the statements that have been issued by the Bishops' Conference and by Archbishop Bernard Longley are available in the porch. Please take these with you.*

*Some parishes are live-streaming Masses. More information is available at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)*

We welcome into the family of our parish **Ethan Wood** baptised last week.

**Mother's Day Gifts and Easter Cards** are available in the Piety Stall. Please contact the presbytery. Many thanks for your support

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

**St Thomas More's Parish Mission 2020**  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – 15/03

Gift Aid £115.50 ~Non-GA £396.64  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters – £519.19

#### Prayer Sponsors for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communicants

Please consider becoming a prayer sponsor for one of our First Holy Communicants. It is simply a matter of keeping one of the children – whose name you will be given – in your daily prayers, Sign-up sheet in porch

**St. Thomas More's Parish Tote**  
Result for 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**03-09-11-14**

**No Jackpot winner- 5 winners with 3 numbers each.**  
**The Tote will be frozen until further notice**

**SICK:** Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter & Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine & Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, 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 & Sharna Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, Max Taylor.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Archbishop Francis Grimshaw, Deacon Louis Livesey, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Fr John Donnelly, Fr John McManus, Mgr Henry Davis, Mgr Canon John Welch, Eileen Sutton, David O'Gorman, Denis Meseal, Margaret McLeod, Denis O'Sullivan, Bridget Ward, Margaret Harding, Catherine Healey, James Dodd, Eileen Watts, Celia McGurk, George Bennett, Winifreda Pallett, Tassadet Hawkins, Michael Barron, Annie Keating, Gino de Giusti, Dora Parman, Eileen Chambers, James Fallon

#### A message from Fr John, your parish priest

Dear Friends, These are unprecedented times. All any of us can do is keep safe- and keep praying. You are being encouraged to visit the church for private prayer.. I am sorry but no-one can be present when Mass is being celebrated. Please adopt the practice of making Spiritual Holy Communion. Those confined to home who normally receive Holy Communion from an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion are also being asked to make a Spiritual Communion. Please let the presbytery know if anyone needs a visit from a priest. May this be a time when we all turn to our Merciful Father and seek His Protection. May God bless us all, Fr John and Fr Kamil