

ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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<p>St. Thomas More Primary Sch. Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Head teacher: Sr. Susan Collins</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 25th MARCH 2018 – Year B</h2>	<p>St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch. Windrush Close, B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly</p>
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Masses

Sat	5:30pm	Carmel Hart, RIP
Sun	8:30am	John Rymkiewicz, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Andrew & David O'Gorman, RIP Anniv.
Mon	9:15am	People of the Parish (St. Andrew's Sch)
	6:30pm	Special Intention, Sick (AG)
Tue	9:15am	Angela & Andy Ratheram, Ints
	7:00pm	Nan Keating, RIP Anniv.
Wed	9:00am	Christine Coady, Ints
	7:00pm	Bridie Carr, RIP
Thurs	7:00pm	Meryl Galstaun, RIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Tues during 6:30pm Mass
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration Watching at the altar of Repose, Holy Thursday night.
Morning Prayer of the Church: Tue 9:00am. See Holy Week Services.
Sacrament of Confession: See Holy Week Services.
Stations of the Cross: See Holy Week Services.

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	8:00pm	Easter Vigil, People of the Parish
Sun	8:30am	Ivy Woodford, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Anna Smyth.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2018

Palm Sunday 25th March: Blessing of palms at all Masses.
Monday 26th March: (School Mass in St Andrew's, 9:15am) Mass at 6:30pm.
Tuesday 27th March: Masses 9:15am & 6:30pm. **Parish Penitential Service**, 7:00pm.
Wednesday 28th March: Masses 9:00am & 7:00pm.

Recently Deceased: *May they rest in peace*
Thomas Hennessy (Chaffcombe Road) Funeral Mass, Tues 17th April, 12 noon.
Anthony Tyler Service at Yardley Crematorium, Thurs 29th March, 1:00pm.
Paul Somerville (Steyning Rd)

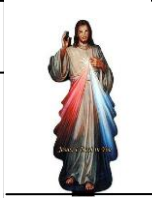
Confessions after all morning Masses

Holy Thursday 29th March: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10:30am. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm with commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Watching before Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.
Good Friday 30th March: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10:30am. Procession of witness, leaves church 11:10am. **Liturgy of the Passion 3:00pm, followed by Confessions until 5:00pm.** Stations of the Cross 6:30pm, followed by reflections on the 7 Last Words of Our Lord, led by our young people.
Holy Saturday 31st March: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10:30am.
Confessions 2:00pm-3:00pm. Blessing of Easter baskets (according to Eastern European Custom) 3:30pm.
NO 5:30PM MASS - Easter Vigil at 8:00pm (please note new time).
Easter Sunday 1st April: Masses, 8:30am & 10:30am

We welcome into the family of our parish **Katelynn Browne** and **Freddie Meehan** who were baptized here last week.

Holy Week Posters from the Knights of St Columba available in the porch

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools
 The instruction class will next meet on Sunday March 25th, at 9:30 am in the upper room, parish centre. Any child who is in Year 3 or above at a non-Catholic school, and has not yet made his or her First Holy Communion, will be most welcome.



Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday 8th April. Prayer Leaflets are available.

Preparation of the church for Easter. Volunteers would be appreciated on Holy Saturday morning at 11am

There is a vacancy at St. Peter's Catholic School for a **Deputy Headteacher**, full job spec and application details on the poster in the porch.

Legion of Mary ACIES Ceremony at St Thomas More's, Sat 7th April, 1pm. At this ceremony, members renew their consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Many Thanks to all who helped the **St Patrick's Day Celebration** to be such a great success. I am very grateful for all the hard work which went on behind the scenes and to **Sharon Keey and her very talented Irish Dancers.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 18th March 2018
 Gift Aid £195.65 ~ Non-Gift Aid £316.54
 Cathedral Maintenance £388.53
Holy Thursday ~ Lenten Alms collection
Good Friday Collection ~ for Holy Places.
Next Weekend ~ *Second Collection is your Easter offering to the parish priest - Easter envelopes are available.*

St. Andrew's Children's Confirmation
n.b NEW DATE; Bishop Robert will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children from St Andrew's at 10:30am Mass on Sunday 8th July.

40 Days for Life closing date, 25th March.
 The present campaign will close with Stations of the Cross at 7:15pm this Sunday at St Francis'

Retreat at Mount St Bernard 11th-13th April 2018.
 The available places to stay overnight at Mount St Bernard between these dates have now been taken. You can, however, join us for the day, on any of the above 3 days. If interested, please contact Fr John, so that meals at the monastery can be arranged for you.

National Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Sunday 22nd April 2018, 10:30-17:30. More info www.catholicman.co.uk details in porch

Prayer Sponsors for our First Holy Communicants
 Would you be willing to pray for the children of our parish as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion? Please sign the sheet in the porch if you can help.

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £2,600
 Result for 22/03/18
16-17-23-24
 Next draw will take place **Tuesday 27th March after morning Mass**



Thursday Lunch Club (TLC)
 TLC in the Parish Centre on Thursdays from 12:30pm. Lunches at excellent value available. All are welcome, to come along for a cuppa, a chat and a game or two of bingo! **TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Nov 21st-28th, 2018.
 Anyone Interested in going on the pilgrimage can collect forms from the presbytery

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Joachim Blaney, Peter Fahy, Joseph Fahy, Sally Woodcock, Joseph Lockington, Joan Morris, Charlie Fogarty, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Camron Cuddihy, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, John Bond, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly. Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessler, Jean Cole, Anne O'Meara, Bernie O'Gorman, Charlotte Moriarty, Michael Ward, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Margaret Casey, Jack Baker, Nora Mills, Peter Bradford. Santhamma Abraham, Pamela Smith. Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, baby Jacob, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Annie Mortimer, Padraig Mannion, Hugh Hanratty, Lynn Daniels.

Church Cleaning Wednesday 28th March after morning Mass

Parish Societies:
SVP – Second Saturdays, 9:45am
Legion of Mary Thursday, after Mass
Thursday Lunch Club from 1pm, Thurs
Youth Group Good Friday, from 6pm.
Choir Practice: Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10:50am
Journey in Faith Monday Mar 26th, 7pm.

Rotas for 1st April;

	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	E	A	D
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	A	D	E
Cleaning:	I.Buckley, S.Smith		
Counting:	P.Martyn, M.McDonald, J.Mills		
Brasses:			

ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop Bright, Fr Donnelly, Fr McManus, Mgr Davis, Mgr Welch, Fr Cockburn, Canon Withers, Fr Sheridan, Fr Callaghan, George Bennett, Winifreda Pallett, Tassadet Hawkins, Michael Barron, Annie Keating, Gino de Giusti, Dora Parman, Eileen Chambers, Patrick Flanagan, Martin Rooney, Ellen Johnson, James Norton, William Nixon, Annie Bird, Maureen Mallinson.