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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 29TH. March 2020 - A



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Public Celebrations of Holy Mass ceased on Saturday 21st March 2020. Masses will be celebrated in our church only in private until further notice. Fr John and Fr Kamil will continue to offer Mass for the intentions of those listed on the newsheet.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 28.03.20 PM to Saturday 04.04.20 AM

Sat	28.03.20	Deepa, Thanksgiving Theresa Ryan RIP
Sun	29.03.20	Betty Kaminski RIP Patricia and Thomas Diver RIP anniv
Mon	30.03.20	Tony Masterson RIP People of the Parish
Tue	31.03.20	Joan Broome RIP Bridget Rooney RIP.
Wed	01.04.20	Jim Doherty and family ints Honora Mills RIP
Thu	02.04.20	Sebastian Mechedeth RIP anniv Kris RIP
Fri	03.04.20	Eileen Kenney RIP Mark and Lil Cunningham ints
Sat	04.04.20	Hal Heusner ints

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	04.04.20	Baby Connor Rhodes anniv
Sun	05.05.20	Frederick John Dawson RIP anniv Catherine Reddy RIP anniv

Recently Deceased: *May they rest in peace*

Eileen Kenney, Funeral Service, Fri 3rd. April, Yardley Crem, 1.00pm
Edward Smyth, Funeral Service, Mon 6th. April, Yardley Crem, 12:15pm
Walter Hames, Funeral Service, Wed 8th. April, Yardley Crem, 10:45 am
Jean Malpass, Kevin Gateley, Patrick Lynch.

The 40 Days for Life prayer campaign outside the Robert Clinic in King's Norton has been terminated because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Anyone who has volunteered to pray outside the clinic at certain times on certain days is encouraged to pray privately at that time, so that the lives of the unborn may be protected.

Prayer Sponsors for 1st 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. E-mail me at thomas.more@btinternet.com

St Thomas More's Parish Mission 2020 3rd to 10th October 2020.

The Parish Tote is frozen until further notice



Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

In 1381 King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as her Dowry. The Bishops of England have been preparing for the Rededication of England to Mary for some time. It will take place at the National Catholic Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham at 12 noon on Sunday 29th. March- behind closed doors. **This re-dedication could not possibly be more timely!** Fr John will pray the re-dedication prayers privately at Our Lady's chapel in our church this Sunday at 12noon. The event is being livestreamed from Walsingham at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> and from St Chad's cathedral.

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. He will also pray the Sacred Heart Novena at Mass on Friday, as it is the First Friday of April.

Livestreaming of Masses from St Thomas More's

With the help of Fr Kamil and Facebook, I have been able to livestream the celebration of Masses celebrated behind closed doors in our parish. Mass this Sunday (Mar 29th.) at 10:30 am and on Tuesday (Mar 31st.) at 7:00pm will be livestreamed. To join us, simply key in

St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon into a Facebook account at the above times. **We do assure you that we are keeping all our parishioners very specially in our prayers at this very difficult time. May we pray for each other and stay safe.**

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Reflection for Married Couples

The Lord will lead us back together Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore the changes we need to make.

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.

Following an instruction from Archbishop Bernard, the church building has to be kept closed until further notice.

It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order and Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website.

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

Please visit www.stthomasmorerchurch.com for more information.

Please note:

+ The newsheet will continue to be published on the website on a weekly basis.

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

+The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archbishop Bernard Longley are updating us regularly. Their statements can be accessed on the internet.

Some parishes are live-streaming Masses. More information is available at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Prayers for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary (for the full text of these prayers- please see the parish website)

R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of one another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord V: Be it done unto me according to thy Word Mary's response to her invitation, "let it be done to me according to your Word", opened her heart to God's grace and all things became possible. Let my "yes" today take away fear, as I embrace God's Will, and like Mary "ponder these things in my heart". Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: And the Word became flesh (Bow or genuflect) V: And dwelt among us At a moment in history, Mary's faith-filled "yes" conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ
Let us pray: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day.

Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that "the Word was made flesh and lived among us." May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO MARY

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.

I regretfully announce that the First Holy Communion Masses (scheduled for the weekend 16/17 May) have had to be postponed. A new date will be set once we are free to gather again

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, Padraig 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 Rev Cockburn, Canon Withers, Rev Sheridan, Rev Callaghan, Archbishop Williams, Deacon Zacaroli, Rev O'Reilly, Mgr Leonard, Rev King, Patrick Flanagan, Martin Rooney, Ellen Johnson, James Norton, William Nixon, Annie Bird, Maureen Mallinson, Elizabeth Northey, Rosina Higgins, Gerard Murphy, Andrew O'Gorman, Daniel Reddin, Thomas Pearse, Frederick Dawson, Bernard Williams