

**ST. THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**


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<p><b>St. Thomas More Primary Sch.</b> Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Head teacher: Sr. Susan Collins</p>		<p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 – Year B</b></p>		<p><b>St. Andrew's Primary &amp; Nursery Sch.</b> Windrush Close, B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly</p>	
<p><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sat</b> 5:30pm Patricia &amp; Frank McDonald RIP / People of Parish</p> <p><b>Sun</b> 8:30am Ian Salt, RIP Anniv. 10:30am Kathleen Gaffney, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday</p> <p><b>Mon</b> 9:15am Arthur Kilroy, Ints. (St. Andrew's Sch) 6:30pm Rita Deehan, RIP</p> <p><b>Tue</b> 10:00am George Gline, RIP 8:00pm Merry Galstaun RIP</p> <p><b>Wed</b> 9:00am Aloysius Fardy, RIP 7:00pm Peggie McClean RIP</p> <p><b>Thurs</b> 9:15am Bridie Lynch, RIP 7:00pm Bridget Cosgrove, RIP</p> <p><b>Fri</b> 12:00noon Funeral Mass, Patrick O'Rourke 7:00pm Deceased of Rafferty Family</p> <p><b>Sat</b> 9:00am Ellie O'Sullivan, RIP Anniv.</p>		<p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> – nb Tues during 8:00pm Mass <b>Rosary</b> is recited daily after Morning Mass. <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Thurs 9:45am-12noon. Fri 6:00-6:30pm, Sat 4:25-5:05pm. <b>Morning Prayer of the Church:</b> Mon 9am, Tue 9:45am, Thurs 9am, Sat 8:45am. <b>Sacrament of Confession:</b> Sat 9:30-10:00am, 4:30pm-5:00pm. <b>Stations of the Cross:</b> Friday 6:30pm.</p>		<p><b>Recently Deceased:</b> <i>May they rest in peace</i> <b>Patrick O'Rourke</b> Funeral Mass, Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. March, 12 noon.</p> <p><b>Clara Betts</b> (Leam Crescent), Funeral Mass, Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March, 10:15am. Olton Friary. <b>Margaret Leeming</b> (formerly of Chaffcombe Road). Reception Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March, 6:30pm. Funeral Mass, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>. March, 10:30am.</p>	
<p><b>Mass Intentions for Next Weekend</b></p> <p><b>Sat</b> 5:30pm Bernadette Tams, RIP Anniv.</p> <p><b>Sun</b> 8:30am Tony Gately, RIP Anniv 10:30am Cath &amp; Tom Larkin, RIP</p>		<p><b>Meeting at St Augustine's for possible Catechists</b>, Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30-9pm. This event is for parishioners who are already involved in parish ministries, who want to grow their faith &amp; want to find out about the possibilities of further studies.</p>		<p><b>Dates for your diary</b> <b>Mar 9<sup>th</sup>:</b> Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers 7:45pm <b>Mar 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> St Patrick's Celebration <b>Mar 27<sup>th</sup>:</b> Holy Week Penitential Service 7:00pm. <b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr:</b> Beer Festival</p>	
<p>We welcome into the family of our parish <b>Olivia Ewing</b> and <b>Oliver Cole</b> who was baptised here last weekend.</p>		<p><b>Closing Mass for the Deanery Visitation</b>, Thurs March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm, St Augustine's, Solihull</p>		<p><b>Liverpool 2018. Adoremus</b> – National Eucharistic Pilgrimage &amp; Congress 7-9 September 2018. More Details in porch.</p>	
<p><b>24 hours with the Lord</b> Pope Francis has called for there to be 24 hours continuous prayer between March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. with opportunity for Confession during this period. Corpus Christi church, Lyttleton Road, Stechford, are hosting the event in our deanery, beginning at 10:00am on Fri 9<sup>th</sup>. March and concluding at 10:00 am on Sat 10<sup>th</sup>. March. I will be attending between 9 and 10pm on Friday Night. You are most welcome to join me.</p>		<p><b>Bishop's Visitation</b> This weekend, we welcome <b>Bishop Robert Byrne</b>. He will be chief celebrant and preacher at all Masses here this weekend. There will be opportunity to meet Bishop Robert after Mass. There will be a meeting between him and representatives of parish groups at 7pm this Saturday in the parish centre. Unfortunately, the Confirmation Mass has had to be postponed because of the bad weather. <i>Bishop Robert, you are most welcome.</i></p>		<p>Vacancy for a full-time Assistant Housekeeper for the Columban Fathers, Widney Manor Road, Knowle. For more details, e-mail <a href="mailto:bernymcd@tiscali.co.uk">bernymcd@tiscali.co.uk</a> or phone 01564772096</p>	
<p><b>First Holy Communion Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools</b> The instruction class will start to meet on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.</p>		<p><b>40 Days for Life</b> prayer campaign outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic, Arthur Rd, Edgbaston. More volunteers are needed. Please contact Isabel for more details 07773 501721.</p>		<p>12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. March 2018 marks <b>10 years of Dementia Prayer Week</b> To get involved please see the poster in the porch which has more information.</p>	
<p><b>OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018</b> Gift Aid £185.98 ~ Non-Gift Aid £518.63 Cafod (Lent Family Fast) £809.92 <b>This weekend</b> - Cathedral Maintenance</p>		<p><b>Retreat at Mount St Bernard 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April 2018.</b> If staying overnight, the monks have requested that retreatants stay for a minimum of 2 nights. They have declining numbers in their monastery and it makes a lot of work for them if people only stay for 1 night. No charge, just a donation. Please see Fr John if interested.</p>		<p><b>Lenten House Rosaries</b> If you would like Fr John to pray the rosary with you and your family in your home during this season of Lent then please let him know.</p>	
<p><b>St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £2,450</b> Result for 01/03/18 <b>04-09-13-23</b> Next draw will take place Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March after morning Mass</p> 		<p><b>Lenten Alms</b> this year will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday night and donated to the Fr Hudson's Society.</p>		<p><b>Prayer Sponsors for our First Holy Communicants</b> Would you be willing to pray for the children of our parish as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion? It simply involves keeping a child in your daily prayers as he or she prepares for First Holy Communion. Please sign the sheet in the porch if you can help.</p>	
<p><b>Rotas for 11<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <b>Readers:</b> 5:30pm Team B 8:30am Team B 10:30 am Team A <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> 5:30pm Team B 8:30am Team A 10:30 am Team B <b>Cleaning:</b> M.Folan, B.McDonald <b>Brasses:</b> S.Garner, H.Nolan <b>Counting:</b> J.O'Malley, Bridie Owens, B.Winspear</p>		<p><b>Thursday Lunch Club (TLC)</b> 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! <b>TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED</b></p>		<p><b>Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</b> Anyone Interested in going on the pilgrimage can collect forms from the presbytery</p>	
<p><b>SICK:</b> 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 &amp; 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, Pdraig Mannion, Hugh Hanratty.</p>		<p><b>Parish Societies:</b> <b>SVP</b> – Saturday, 9:45am <b>Legion of Mary (Adult group)</b> Thurs 7:45pm <b>Thursday Lunch Club</b> from 1pm, Thurs <b>Youth Group</b> Fri 7:00-8:30pm <b>Choir Practice:</b> Tues Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am <b>Journey in Faith</b> Monday Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.</p>		<p><b>Two Left Feet (Ceili Dancing)</b> Every Monday evening in the Parish Centre from 7:45 – 9:00pm</p>	
<p><b>National Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham</b> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, 10:30-17:30. More information <a href="http://www.catholicman.co.uk">www.catholicman.co.uk</a>. details in porch</p>		<p><b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Fr Pinkman, Fr Crookenden, Fr Luxon, Canon Allport, Fr Jarvis, Fr Fullerton, Fr Johnson, Deacon Rowe, Fr Purcell, Robert Miller, Patrick Lynch, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jeremiah Moloney, Mary Evans, Patricia Perkins, Mary McHugh, Ellen O'Sullivan, Nora Newman, Margaret McGettigan, Teresa Simmons, Ursula Lamb, Hilda Faulkner, Veronica Reddy, Christine Lambert, Frederick Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Reilly, Eileen Deehan, Patrick Murphy, Constance Alcock, William Moriarty, Matilda Henry, Sheila Dale, Anne Tremarco, Thomas Beck.</p>			