



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
<b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	
<b>9:00am Holy Mass</b>	Kate Ford RIP
<b>11:00am Solemn Mass</b>	Regina Jones RIP
12noon Holy Baptism	

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass Geraldine McGrory

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Fr David Lloyd

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass Maura Farrell

10:00am RCIA

6:00pm Saint Andrew's School  
First Confessions

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Bernadette Walsh

6:30pm RCIA

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

9:30am Holy Mass Cathy Carr

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Fr Gabriel Maguire

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

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Mass Alice Simon &  
Santhamma Abraham RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

## Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass** Bert & Rita Duffy RIP

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass** Pro Populo

**11:00am Solemn Mass** Rose Diver Ints &  
Maura Killeen RIP

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

**Rosary** Monday – Friday before the morning Mass  
Saturday after the morning Mass

**Divine Mercy** - After the morning Mass on Fridays



## SAINT SOPHIA'S CATHEDRAL KIEV

Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine stating that the possibility of violence had given him "much pain" in his heart.

Speaking after the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis also remembered the Ukrainians in the bunkers and those fleeing the war, especially "the elderly, those seeking refuge in these hours, mothers fleeing with their children. They are our brothers and sisters for whom humanitarian corridors must be opened as a matter of urgency and who must be welcomed."

## THE DIOCESAN SYNOD JOURNEY

The Diocesan Synod journey is about to enter its next phase as churches, parishes, schools, agencies and individuals submit their feedback. Over the last few months all have been invited to take part in a variety of conversations, discussions, meetings, workshops and surveys focused on the Synod. Following the theme '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*' it has been great to learn so many people across the Archdiocese have actively got involved in our 'Walking Together' journey.

Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Chair of the diocesan Synodal Pathway Committee, said: "I would like to thank all who have contributed to the Synod conversations."

"The feedback we receive will prove invaluable as we move forward as an Archdiocese. It will also show we have embraced the Holy Father's invitation to take part in the worldwide Synodal process." "We have been listening actively, speaking from the heart, with a lively hope. It has been an uplifting experience. "Please continue to pray for the Synod as we enter this next phase." The results of this next stage of our journey will be made available in due course.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays 6:30pm

The Judge of the world, who will come again to judge us all, stands there, dishonoured and defenceless before the earthly judge. Pilate is not utterly evil. He knows that the condemned man is innocent, and he looks for a way to free him. But his heart is divided. And in the end, he lets his own position, his own self-interest, prevail over what is right. Nor are the men who are shouting and demanding the death of Jesus utterly evil. Many of them, on the day of Pentecost, will feel "cut to the heart" (*Acts 2:37*), when Peter will say to them: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God... you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law" (*Acts 2:22ff.*). But at that moment they are caught up in the crowd. They are shouting because everyone else is shouting, and they are shouting the same thing that everyone else is shouting. And in this way, justice is trampled underfoot by weakness, cowardice and fear of the diktat of the ruling mindset. The quiet voice of conscience is drowned out by the cries of the crowd. Evil draws its power from indecision and concern for what other people think.

## 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

Requiem Mass Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11:00am

Josie Brannigan

Anne O'Rourke

Larry Keohane

Joseph Borg

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for Bernie Smith & Family and the O'Grady Family.

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

## WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

27.02.22 - Gift Aid: £100.13 Non-Gift Aid: £539.32

Total: £639.45

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Weekend – Cathedral Maintenance**

**Next Weekend – CAFOD**

## 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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

## PARISH DIARY

### MARCH

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew's First Confessions 6:00pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas More First Confessions 10:30am  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of Saint Joseph  
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Mass 10:00am  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of the Annunciation  
Holy Mass 9:30am  
Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am – 11:00am  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 12noon – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 12noon  
"24 Hours for the Lord"

### APRIL

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea 3:00pm  
The beginning of Holy Week  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>  
The Sacred Paschal Triduum  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Day  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Comedy Night

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## ST ANDREWS SCHOOL

We welcome all the children at the solemn mass as they make their commitment to prepare well for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please prayer for them and their parents.

## RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### 'ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC'

Instruction meetings will take place in preparation for Easter on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm (after the Mass) beginning on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and also on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am (after the Mass) beginning on March 9<sup>th</sup>. All welcome. These will run every week until Holy Week. After Easter there will be more instruction to understand even further the mysteries of the true faith. These will take place in the John Fisher Room. All are invited to the Ash Wednesday Masses.

## 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

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact 0121 743 3289 or [enquiry@sttommor.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@sttommor.bham.sch.uk) in the first instance.

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## GOLD ! GOLD ! GOLD !

We are going to continue with this and hope to be able to do more good works in the Parish.