



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 10th March 2024

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| Holy Mass | Intention |
| <i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i> | |
| 5:30pm Vigil Mass | Barbara Prunty Ints |
| SUNDAY | |
| 9:00am Holy Mass | Ian Salt RIP Anniv |
| 11:00am Solemn Mass | Michael Kerrigan RIP Anniv |

Weekday Masses

Monday 11th

9:30am Holy Mass Mary Curran

Tuesday 12th

11:30am Requiem Mass John Cunniam

5:00pm Reception Teresa Whelan

Wednesday 13th

11:00am Requiem Mass Teresa Whelan

Thursday 14th

9:30am Holy Mass Thomas Smith

10:00am – 11:00am
Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 15th

9:30am Holy Mass Alice Mullen RIP
10:30am – 11:30am
Confessions – Saint Thomas More School

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Kay Moloney RIP

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16th

10:00am Holy Mass Shana Harbroun
10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30pm Vigil Mass Deceased Walsh & McLoughlin Families

SUNDAY 17th

9:00am Holy Mass Iris Salt RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass Leo Kidd RIP Anniv.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays

LAETARE SUNDAY

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son” (Jn 3:16). This is the heart of the Gospel; this is the source of our joy. The Gospel message is not an idea or a doctrine. It is Jesus himself: the Son whom the Father has given us so that we might have life. The source of our joy is not some lovely theory about how to find happiness, but the actual experience of being accompanied and loved throughout the journey of life. “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son”. Brothers and sisters, let us dwell on these two thoughts for a moment: “God so loved” and “God gave”.



POPE FRANCIS:

Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the love of Jesus Christ

“Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord, One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence,”

Yet, he lamented, “I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least.”

“One cannot know the Lord without the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence,” To waste time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. To adore, there in the silence, in the silence of adoration. He is the Lord and I adore Him.”

SANCTUARY ROOF

There has been some to-ing and fro-ing between the contractor (ATS) and the manufacturer (Kemper) but essentially Kemper’s rep will not inspect regarding the warranty until ‘safe access’ is arranged – this being scaffold access tower and handrails. Despite our best efforts they are adamant and therefore we will erect the scaffold with a view to getting the roof repaired straight away as this must be done. The cost of this work is over £10,000.00.

The restoration and redecoration of the Sanctuary cannot happen until the problems with the roof are resolved. More details to follow when the architect has more details.

All being well the work should start on Monday 11th March.



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Fr Arkadiusz Baron, Angela Martyn, Beryl Aldred, Breeda Harrison, James Queenan, Cornelius McKay, Tom Conlan, Maura Dowling, Juliette Kelly, John Cunniam, Teresa Whelan, Mary Doody, William Smith.- Requiem Mass
Monday 18th March 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Iris, John & Ian Salt.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

03.03.24 - Gift Aid: £177.10. Non-Gift Aid: £507.31
Total: £684.41

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Cathedral Maintenance - £280.09
This weekend – Easter Flowers

PIETY SHOP

Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at: sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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

PARISH DIARY

MARCH

Tuesday 19th The Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Holy Mass 9:30am

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 28th
Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday 29th
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 30th
Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm

Sunday 31st
EASTER DAY
Holy Mass of the Resurrection 9:00am
Solemn Mass of the Resurrection 11:00am

APRIL

Sunday 7th Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 1st & 2nd of June.** A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Wednesday 20th 7:00pm at CORPUS CHRISTI STECHFORD

This will be for all the Churches in the Cluster at Corpus Christi.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Children not in Catholic Schools

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 12th March** at 4:00pm in Church for all those who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. If you are not able to be at this meeting please let us know.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 12th March**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

Monday 25th after the 9:30am Mass. Please help so that the Church can be ready for the Sacred Triduum and Easter. Thank you.



ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 6th March 2024 - **Winning Numbers 05-12-23-08**
Next Draw Monday 11th March after 9:30am Mass.
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = £5 + 1 FREE GO
Match 4 = Share Jackpot £250+. Match 3 = share £75+
JACKPOT £250