

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, Breedra Harrison, James Queenan, Cornelius McKay, Tom Conlan, Maura Dowling, Juliette Kelly, John Cunnam, Teresa Whelan, Mary Doody, Ray Tempest.
William Smith - Funeral Service at Woodlands
Wednesday 3rd March 12noon

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Florence & Joseph Oliver.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

10.03.24 - Gift Aid: £110.62. Non-Gift Aid: £450.33
Total: £560.95.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Easter Flowers – £294.38

Good Friday – Holy Places

GIFT AID ENVELOPES are available for collection. If you are a taxpayer and not currently on the scheme please consider joining the Gift aid scheme. For every £1 you donate the Church can claim a further 25p from the government. The simplest way to donate is by setting up a Standing Order or alternatively weekly envelopes. Gift Aid forms will be available after all Masses **Next Weekend** or contact Betty or Michael McDonald **07769 835069**

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 work of our parish so everything you purchase helps

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

CORPUS CHRISTI STECHFORD

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 21st May**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

SAINT ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the school after their recent Ofsted. The school is GOOD. We are very thankful to Mr Ciaran Flaherty the Executive Principal and Mrs Lucy Hipkiss the Head of School and the Staff for all their hard work and commitment that has made this possible. Also congratulations and thanks to all the children and their parents.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – A message from the Saint Thomas More School

Should any family have old appliances they no longer require, please consider donating. A school family is in dire need of a fridge freezer and oven. Speaking of donations, many thanks to the local St Vincent de Paul from St Thomas More parish who have been in to school to make a donation to needy families. This group of volunteers meet occasionally to organise the parish's response to local need. They (SVdP) also are struggling for numbers- is this something you might consider? Your parish needs you! Please contact Mr Frank Perkins at francisperkins@hotmail.com if you can offer a couple of hours each month. This organisation is literally a life saver, please do seriously think about this.

Mark McLoughlin

Principal



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250

Result for 11th March 2024 - **Winning Numbers 24-18-13-07**

Next Draw Wednesday 20th March after 9:30am Mass.