

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 17th March 2024

Holy Mass Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Deceased Walsh & McLoughlin Families

SUNDAY

9:00amHoly MassIris Salt RIP Anniv11:00am Solemn MassLeo Kidd RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses Monday 18th

9:30am Holy Mass Rachel Upham

Tuesday 19th

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo

Wednesday 20th

9:30am Holy Mass Mena Jordan RIP Anniv

Thursday 21st

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School 1:30pm Stations of the Cross Drama –

Saint Thomas More School – In Church

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Mary Hamill

Friday 22nd

9:30am Holy Mass Private Intention

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Charles McTernan

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23rd

10:00am Holy Mass Lee Woolman

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:30pm Vigil Mass Alice Simon &

Santhamma Abraham RIP

SUNDAY 24th

9:00am Holy Mass Rafferty Family RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass Eileen McGill &

Catherine Reddy 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



THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. These are just a few of Saint Joseph's traits that explain why the People of God are especially devoted to him.

In the face of difficulties, Joseph always brought out the most unexpected resources. Joseph is the man through whom God manifested His providential care from the beginning of the history of salvation. Difficulties never stopped the boldness and tenacity of this just and wise man in whom God trusted, just as He trusted in Mary. This is how we see in Joseph the Guardian of the Holy Family: first of his family in Nazareth, and today, of the Church.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Wednesday 20th

CORPUS CHRISTI STECHFORD at 7:00pm

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,
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 – 1**st & 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 21**st **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 form 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.