



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Holy Mass

### Intention

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Alice Simon &  
Santhamma Abraham RIP

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

Rafferty Family RIP Anniv

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

Eileen McGill &  
Catherine Reddy RIP Anniv

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Weekday Masses

**Holy Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass

Cornelius Sheehan RIP

**Holy Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Mass

Frances Irwen

**Holy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

11:30am Chrism Mass at Saint Chad's Cathedral

6:00pm Holy Mass

Sebastien Mechedath RIP

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm THE SOLEMN MASS OF  
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Watch at the Altar of Repose

10:00pm Compline

**GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Tenebrae

**3:00pm THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

& Divine Mercy Novena

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Tenebrae & Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am The Blessing of Easter Baskets

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*Saturday for Sunday*

**8:00pm THE SOLEMN PASCHAL VIGIL MASS  
OF THE RESURRECTION**

Bishop David McGough RIP

**EASTER SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00am Holy Mass**

George Cassidy RIP

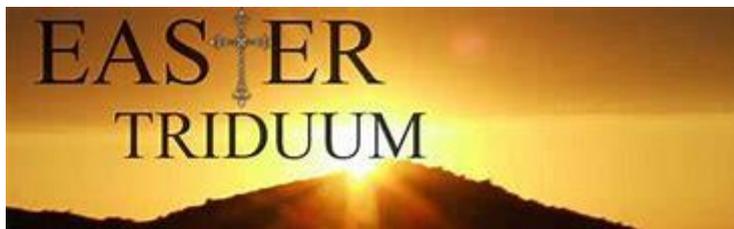
10:40am Divine Mercy Novena

**11:00am SOLEMN MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

Private Intention

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

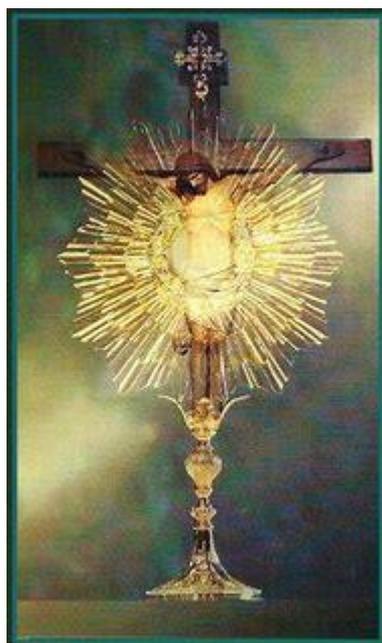
Monday & Tuesday after Mass



We have now arrived at the heart of Holy Week, the culmination of the Lenten journey. On Thursday we shall enter the Easter Triduum, the three holy days in which the Church commemorates the mystery of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The Son of God, who, after becoming man in obedience to the Father, similar to us in all things save sin, accepted to do the Father's will to the very end. He accepted the Passion and the Cross out of love for us, to enable us to share in his Resurrection so that, in him and for him, we might live for ever in consolation and in peace.

I therefore urge you to accept this mystery of salvation and to participate intensely in the Easter Triduum, the fulcrum of the entire Liturgical Year and a time of special grace for every Christian. I invite you in these days to seek recollection and prayer, so as to draw more deeply from this source of grace. In this regard, with a view to the forthcoming celebrations every Christian is asked to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, a moment of special adherence to the death and Resurrection of Christ, to be able to participate more fruitfully in Holy Easter.



## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

In these three sacred moments the whole mystery of the Mass enfolds before us, the mystery of our eternal Salvation.

This is a time when we can receive Sanctifying Grace from God who in His great Love for us brings us into the very mystery of His Love. The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Passion and the Pascha Vigil Mass of the Resurrection are the very heart of the faith. The Sacred Triduum is everything for us and so I pray that it will be a time of great blessing for you all. A blessed Holy Week.

With my prayers

*Fr Christopher*

## 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.

## BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS - Świąconka

The traditional blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place after Tenebrae on Holy Saturday morning at 11:00am

## 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, John Gaughan, Mary Dillon.

William Smith.- Funeral Service at Woodlands  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 12noon

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in memory of Tony & Paul Mahon.

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

## WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

17.03.24 - Gift Aid: £108.00. Non-Gift Aid: £379.16  
Total: £487.16.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Good Friday – Holy Places

31.03 - Easter offering to the Parish Priest. Envelopes are available.

**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 **This Weekend** or contact Betty or Michael McDonald **07769 835069**

## 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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

## PARISH DIARY

### APRIL

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

### MAY

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> **Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation**  
**Vigil Mass 6:00pm**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 12noon  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

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## 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** – A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

## GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

This year the Walk of Witness will again start from Saint Thomas More Church at 11:15am and walk along Horseshoes Lane to Coventry Road where we will meet with Lyndon Methodist Church. All will then proceed along the Coventry Road, to Savers. If you are able please join this time of prayer.

## EASTER MONDAY MASS AT SAINT CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

His Grace the Archbishop will offer the Easter Monday Men's Mass at 10:00am in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Children not in Catholic Schools

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** at 4:00pm in Church for all those who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

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## OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY

**St Edward's Primary & Nursery, Coleshill** – 2 Vacancies - Early Years Class Teacher & Class Teacher. More Information; <https://www.stedwardsrprimary.co.uk>

**St Augustine's Primary, Solihull** – 1 Vacancy - Class Teacher. Information; [www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk)

Closing date, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024. To apply for any of the above positions please visit <https://www.olaas.co.uk/current-vacancies/>

## SAINT ANDREW'S SCHOOL – NURSERY

Nursery places available 15 and 30 hours for September 2024. Contact the school to find out more: Saint Andrew's Primary School, Windrush Close, Solihull, B92 8QL. 0121 743 5675 [office@standrews.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@standrews.solihull.sch.uk)

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## CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - **Winning Numbers 22-12-18-02**  
**Next Draw Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March after 9:30am Mass.**