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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 31st March 2024

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

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

Bishop David McGough RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

George Cassidy RIP

10:40am Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

Private Intention

12:30pm Holy Baptism

APRIL

EASTER MONDAY 1st

BANK HOLIDAY

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Isabelle Mantella

EASTER TUESDAY 2nd

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Mae McLoughlin, RIP

EASTER WEDNESDAY 3rd

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Daniel Reddin RIP Anniv

EASTER THURSDAY 4th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Dorothy Macrowe Ints

EASTER FRIDAY 5th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Private Intention

EASTER SATURDAY 6th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Private Intention

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Mary Maloney RIP

SUNDAY 7th

9:00am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

11:00am Solemn Mass

James Cronin RIP

3:00pm Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Saturday during Adoration

Divine Mercy – Novena Every Day at Adoration



The Symbolism Of The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is a large, decorated candle that symbolizes the light of the risen Christ. It is lit during Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and remains lit in all celebrations until Pentecost Sunday.

The candle represents Christ's victory over death and darkness, and the hope He brings to the faithful.

The Inscriptions And Symbols On The Paschal Candle Also Have Specific Meanings:

The Cross:

In the centre of the candle is a cross, which symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus and his victory over death.

The Greek Letters Alpha And Omega:

These letters represent that Jesus is the beginning and the end, indicating his eternity and constant presence in our lives.

The Current Year:

The current year inscribed on the Paschal Candle reminds us of the continuity of faith and the presence of Christ throughout all time.

Five Grains Of Incense:

Inserted in the shape of a cross, the five grains symbolize the five wounds of Jesus and his sacrificial love for us.

The Presence Of The Paschal Candle In Celebrations

The Paschal Candle occupies a prominent place in liturgical celebrations during the Easter season. It is lit and used on several occasions:

Easter Vigil:

On the evening of Holy Saturday, a new fire lights the Paschal Candle and leads the procession into the church, symbolizing the entrance of the Risen Christ.

The Paschal Candle remains lit during all the liturgical celebrations during the Easter season until Pentecost Sunday, to remember the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

May the light of the Paschal Candle inspire us to live as witnesses to the Resurrection and to share the light of Christ.



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

- John Gaughan, Mary Smyth
- Mary Doody – Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
Yardley Wood
Tuesday 2nd April 7:00pm
- Mary Dillon Requiem Mass at Holy Family
Small Heath Tuesday 2nd April 12noon
- William Smith.- Funeral Service at Woodlands
Wednesday 3rd April 12noon

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of the Anna & Kevin Bond.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

24.03.24 - Gift Aid: £177.99. Non-Gift Aid: £464.53 Total: £642.52.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Easter offering to your Parish Priest. Envelopes are available.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES are now available for collection.

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
APRIL

- Sunday 7th **Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm**
- MAY**
- Sunday 5th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am
- Wednesday 8th **Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation**
Vigil Mass 6:00pm
- Thursday 9th **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**
- Saturday 11th Saint Andrew’s School First Holy Communion 12noon
- Sunday 12th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – EVERY DAY IN EASTER WEEK 10:00am

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.”

Pope Francis

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.

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.

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



ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 25th March 2024 - **Winning Numbers 04-08-16-20**
Next Draw Wednesday 3rd April after 11:00am Mass.