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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 12th May 2024

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Mary Doody RIP
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Lynette & M.Kuruvilla
11:00am Solemn Mass - Saint Thomas More School	
First Holy Communions	
	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Monday 13th Our Lady of Fatima

9:30am Holy Mass Rosely Sunny RIP Anniv
10:00am – 11:00am
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 14th Saint Matthias, Apostle

6:00pm Holy Mass Dan Santisteban RIP

Wednesday 15th

9:30am Holy Mass Carmel Smith

Thursday 16th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Holy Mass Canon Gary Byrne RIP

Friday 17th

9:30am Holy Mass Michael Mullen RIP
10:00am – 11:00am
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 18th

10:00am Holy Mass Michael & Mary Lyons RIP
10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
12noon Holy Baptism

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Solemn Vigil Mass
Jozef Lisowski RIP Anniv

SUNDAY 19th

9:00am Holy Mass Alice Simon & Santhamma Abraham
11:00am Solemn Mass Pro Populo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The overall significance of Our Lady of Fatima is straightforward. She implored the children to engage in prayer, reparation, repentance, and sacrifice, and the abandonment of sin.

Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the Rosary in each of Her apparitions, asking the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace.

In order to move ever closer to Her, and therefore to Her Son, Our Lady stressed the importance of praying at least five decades of the Rosary daily. She asked us to wear the Brown Scapular.



And we must make sacrifices, especially the sacrifice of doing our daily duty, in reparation for the sins committed against Our Lord and Our Lady. She also stressed the necessity of prayers and sacrifices to save poor sinners from hell. The Message of Fatima, to individual souls, is summarized in these things.

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee!

WELCOME - Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communions

Please pray for all the children making their First Holy Communion at the Solemn Mass today. Please also pray for their families that they will grow in their love of the Lord Jesus and always give thanks for His gift of the Most Holy Eucharist.

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Paschalis solemnitatis ("On the Preparation and Celebration of the Paschal Feast"), the Congregation for Divine Worship urged that "encouragement should be given to the prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a vigil, whose character is not baptismal as in the Easter Vigil but one of urgent prayer, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who were together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit"

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.

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R E-gfna cae-li * laeta-re, alle-lu-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- isti porta-re, alle-lu-ia: Re-surre-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
 alle-lu-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lu- ia.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Mary Dillon, Ray Tempest, Michael Reaney, John Eugene Doyle, Mary Smyth, Mary Hayes.

- Sally Smyth Requiem Thursday 23rd May 11:30am
- Simon Carlin Reception at Our Lady of the Wayside Wednesday 22nd May 6:00pm
- Requiem Thursday 23rd May 11:00am
- Kieran O’Neill Requiem Tuesday 28th May 10:30am
- John Donohoe Reception Thursday 30th May 7:00pm
- Requiem Friday 31st May 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Caroline Macklin and in memory of Sonia Beronio.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

05.05.24 - Gift Aid: £149.42. Non-Gift Aid: £502.40
 Total: £651.82.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend - Church Roof Repairs

Next Weekend – Catholic Communications

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

MAY

Saturday 11th

Saint Andrew’s School First Holy Communion 12noon

Sunday 12th

Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

JUNE

Tuesday 18th

Confirmation Mass – Saint Thomas More 7:00pm

Friday 21st

Saint Thomas More Festival

The Feast of Saint Thomas More Holy Mass 1:00pm

The School Celebration of 70 Years

Saturday 22nd

Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More

Holy Mass 10:00am

Sunday 23rd

Saint Thomas More Sunday

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Holy Mass 9:00am & Solemn Mass 11:00am

Tuesday 25th

Confirmation Mass – Saint Andrew’s 7:00pm

NEW BISHOPS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

Pope Francis has appointed Mgr. Timothy Menezes, Dean of Saint Chad’s Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker, the Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve the Archdiocese. Please pray for them.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

The box on the Communion Rails by Our Lady is for your prayer intentions. If you wish prayers taken to Lourdes on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage at the end of May please fill in one of the prayer cards.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI HANDSWORTH –

ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Monday 13th May to Wednesday 22nd May. Weekday Novena Masses 12 noon and 7:00pm. All welcome. Please see the notice in the porch.

MEN’S ROSARY IN THE CITY

Saturday 25th May - Victoria Square, Birmingham.

Join Archbishop Bernard Longley this May to publicly witness to our faith, pray for our nation and to inspire men to live out their vocation as defenders of the faith and protectors of women and children. For more info contact Ben: 07885505116

AFTERNOON TEA – THANK YOU

A wonderful Afternoon Tea was enjoyed on Sunday 28th April. Everyone had an enjoyable time and we raised £1725.00 to be shared between Marie Curie Hospice and Birmingham Dementia Group. Thank you to everyone who helped with or supported this event to make it such a great success. When the cheques have been presented there will be photos displayed in the Church porch.

MARRIAGE CARE

Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk



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

Result for 6th May 2024 - **Winning Numbers 23-01-17-11**

Next Draw Wednesday 15th May after 9:30am Mass.