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THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sunday 19th May 2024

Holy Mass **Intention**
Saturday for Sunday
5:30pm Solemn Vigil Mass
Jozef Lisowski RIP Anniv

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

Weekday Masses
Monday 20th The Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church
9:30am Holy Mass Simon Williams Ints

Tuesday 21st
6:00pm Holy Mass Sean McDonagh RIP

Wednesday 22nd Saint Rita of Cassia
9:30am Holy Mass Mary Finnegan RIP
10:30am Saint Thomas More Confirmandi Confessions

**Thursday 23rd The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Eternal High Priest**

11:30am Requiem Mass Sally Smyth
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Holy Mass Cameron Cuddihy RIP

Friday 24th
9:30am Holy Mass Mary Hayes RIP
10:00am – 11:00am
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 25th Saint Bede the Venerable
10:00am Holy Mass Living & Deceased members
of the Cambridge Family.
10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday for Sunday
5:30pm Vigil Mass Jack Cahillane & Deceased of
The Finneran Family

SUNDAY 26th
9:00am Holy Mass Liam & Bridie Evans RIP Anniv
11:00am Solemn Mass Mina Hanson &
Sheila Hadley RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10:30am - 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



PENTECOST

Prior to the Ascension into Heaven, he ordered them "not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father"; that is, he asked them to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And they gathered in prayer with Mary in the Upper Room, awaiting the promised event. To stay together was the condition laid down by Jesus in order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; the premise of their harmony was prolonged prayer. In this way we are offered a formidable lesson for every Christian community.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

On February 11th, 2018, Pope Francis officially decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the church be inserted into the Roman Calendar to be celebrated each year on the Monday following Pentecost.

The title Mater Ecclesiae title can be traced back to writings of Saint Ambrose of Milan in the early 4th century. As found in the Acts of the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary was seated together with the apostles and disciples at the first Pentecost. In his encyclical Adjutricem populi (Helper of the People), written in 1895, Pope Leo XIII wrote:

"She is invoked as Mother of the Church and the teacher and Queen of the Apostles"

Pope Saint Paul VI, following very similar language to Saint Ambrose (Pope Paul VI was a former archbishop of Milan as was Saint Ambrose) described Mary with her faith, love and unity with Christ as the Model of the Church and Mother of the Church. As the third session of the Second Vatican Council closed on November 21st, 1964, he declared:

"We declare Mary Most Holy Mother of the Church, that is, of all the Christian people"

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Jesus is our Compassionate High Priest, as the Bible beautifully tells us. We share in Our Lord's Priesthood by baptism and ordination. This is an incredible Mystery! Jesus offered Himself up in our place, He continues to intercede for us in Heaven, and He calls us to give ourselves with Him as a gift truly pleasing to the Father. But how often do we thank and praise Our Lord for being our High Priest and Victim?



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
- Mary Locke Funeral Tuesday 28th May Robin Hood 2:00pm
- John Donohoe Reception Thursday 30th May 7:00pm
- Requiem Friday 31st May 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of the Hyde Family and the Pretty Family.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

12.05.24 - Gift Aid: £138.15. Non-Gift Aid: £761.11
Total: £899.26

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Roof Repairs - £284.14

This Weekend – Catholic Communications

Next Weekend – Retiring for Priests Training Fund

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
JUNE**

Sunday 2nd

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Eucharistic Adoration
Stations of the Eucharist & Solemn Benediction 3:30pm

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

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.

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.

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



ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 15th May 2024 - **Winning Numbers 10-23-19-13**

Next Draw Wednesday 22nd May after 9:30am Mass.