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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 1st May 2022

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Leo Kidd RIP Anniv
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Tony & Kevin Gately RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass	TLK RIP
12noon Holy Baptism	
12:45pm Holy Baptism	
3:00pm Rosary & Solemn Benediction	

Weekday Masses

Monday 2nd Saint Athanasius

Bank Holiday

11:00am Holy Mass	Joseph & Brendan McCartney & Family
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Tuesday 3rd The Feast of Saint Philip & Saint James

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 4th The Feast of the English Martyrs

---- NO Mass

Thursday 5th

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Special Intention

Friday 6th First Friday

9:30am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)	
11:00am – 12noon Please note the change of times	
Eucharistic Adoration	

12noon Holy Mass	Hugh Prunty RIP
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Saturday 7th First Saturday

12noon Holy Mass	Saint Thomas More – First Holy Communion
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4:30pm – 5:15pm

**Eucharistic Adoration &
First Saturday Devotions**

Next Sunday 8th THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass	Margaret Allen RIP
SUNDAY	

9:00am Holy Mass	Michael O'Sullivan
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11:00am Solemn Mass	Georg Doppelhofer
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12noon Holy Baptism	
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

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

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION THIS SUNDAY - 3:00pm

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

One of the requests made by Our Lady of Fatima was the "*Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.*" This devotion is given to us specifically as a means of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart. It has a notable correlation with the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Fridays were asked for by Our Lord through St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in Paray-le-Monial, France in the 17th century. As Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch Archbishop of Lisbon, once expressed:

Fatima will be for the cult of the Heart of Mary what Paray-le-Monial was for the cult of the Heart of Jesus. Fatima is, in a certain sense, the continuation, or rather the conclusion, of Paray-le-Monial: Fatima reunites those two Hearts, which God Himself united in the divine work of Redemption.

During the apparition in which Heaven asked us to make the devotion of the First Saturdays, Our Divine Lord pleaded to Sr. Lucy (one of the seers at Fatima): "*Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.*"

Our Lady stated that by fulfilling her requests "**many souls will be saved and there will be peace.**" We will not have this peace by any other means, for she also stated: "**Only I can help you.**" Furthermore, she promises "**to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who**" will make the First Saturdays.

The Devotions will take place at 4:30pm this coming Saturday. The Devotions are usually after the morning Mass, however, owing to the First Holy Communion Mass this month they will be in the evening.

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R E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- fsti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
 alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove you face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Frank Burford
 Elizabeth Ward
 Mary Deery
 Margaret Davis – Funeral Service at Woodlands
 11:00am Thursday 5th May
 Michael O'Sullivan
 Veronica Sheridan
 Fr Ted Simpson SCJ
 Mary Abbey

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Geraldine McGrory and Matthew O'Brien.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS Have been donated by Theresa Perkins.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

17.04.22 – Gift Aid £170.00 Non-Gift Aid: £277.74
 Total £447.74
 24.04.22 – Gift Aid £131.91 Non-Gift Aid: £445.10
 Total £577.01

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Holy Places £292.21

This Weekend – Fr Hudson's 120th Birthday.

Next Weekend – Clergy Training Fund

PARISH DIARY MAY

Sunday 1st
 Thursday 26th

Rosary & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm
Ascension Day Holiday of Obligation
 Vigil Mass 6:00pm (Wed) Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

JUNE

Saturday 4th

Pentecost Sunday
 Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday 19th

Corpus Christi

Sunday 26th

Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children at Saint Thomas More School who over the next three Saturdays will be making their First Holy Communion. We pray that this will be a time of blessing for them and their families and that they will grow in a deeper understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist. Thanks go to the teachers who have prepared them for this special day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for all those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to: Steven & Zoie; Frankie, Mavis & Jaden; Olivia, Chloe & Nicole; Tony, Mabel & Chris. Congratulations to Zachary who made his First Holy Communion.

At the Solemn Mass on Easter morning Adrian made his First Holy Communion and was Confirmed, congratulations. We pray that they will all become closer to Jesus at every moment of their lives and that they will all receive many Graces from God.

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 – 18th & 19th of June.**

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 17th May, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above not at our Catholic Schools who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy please collect an application form from the Sacristy after Mass or phone the Parish office. The next Instruction class will be on **Tuesday 3rd May at 4:00pm** in church.

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