



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

### Holy Mass

### Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Tom Browne RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Joseph & Mary Clarke RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Mina Hanson RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass

Bernard Cusack

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Michael & Maura Flannery

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

----- NO Morning Mass

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Holiday of Obligation

2:00pm Vigil Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Fr David Craig RIP

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass

Jim Martyn RIP

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

### Please note the change of times

7:00pm Holy Mass

Pro Populo

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine of Canterbury

9:30am Holy Mass

Anne Stokes Ints

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

----- NO Morning Mass

## Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Simon &  
Santhamma Abraham

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Liam & Bridie Evans  
RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Ann O'Rourke RIP

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 10:00am – 10:30am NO Confessions on Saturday

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Our Lord's Ascension shows that He is the King and High Priest of all creation. There are powerful words in the Epistle to the Hebrews about Jesus' ongoing priestly ministry in Heaven, we read: "... because Jesus lives forever, in Heaven, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them"

Let us pray to stay close to Jesus our Saviour – Risen, Ascended and Glorified.  
Happy Ascension Day!

*Fr Christopher*

## RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales. *This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)* Copies of the letter are available at the back of church please take. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation." The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential.

## THE VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST

The Pentecost Vigil like the "mother of all vigils," as Saint Augustine referred to Easter Vigil, includes an extended number of readings and texts that reflect a particular aspect of the Paschal mystery.

As the Easter Vigil presents seven Old Testament readings to contemplate the presence of Christ's Paschal mystery throughout salvation history, The Vigil Mass for Pentecost presents four readings to communicate that same mystery with an emphasis on the working of the Holy Spirit.

**"Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth"**

VI

**R** E-gína cæ-li \* lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-  
 ru- ísti 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.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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*

Veronica Sheridan -

Reception Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 6:00pm

Requiem Mass Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 12:15pm

At Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood.

Mary Abbey –

Requiem Mass Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 11:30am

At Holy Family Small Heath

Thomas Donnelly –

Requiem Mass Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am

John Shally, Mary Hawkins, Michael McGovern

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored in memory of Molly & Jack Cahillane.

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

#### WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

15.05.22 Gift Aid £85.70 Non Gift Aid £553.31

Total £639.01

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Ukraine £591.12**

**This Weekend** – Catholic Communications

**Next Weekend** – SMA Fathers Mission Appeal

#### PARISH DIARY MAY

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

**Ascension Day** *Holiday of Obligation*

Vigil Mass 6:00pm (Wed) Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

#### JUNE

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Pentecost Sunday**

Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Corpus Christi**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**The Feast of Saint Thomas More & Saint John Fisher**

Mass 9:30am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

**The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Mass 12noon Eucharistic Adoration 11:00am – 12noon

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

#### SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)

Fr. Armand Mayumbu will be with us next weekend to celebrate the Sunday Masses and to have their Mission Appeal. We pray for the work of the SMA Fathers.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children at Saint Andrew's School who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

#### 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 – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> July, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

#### FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Father Hudson's Care are currently recruiting for Purchase Ledger and Payroll Assistant roles at their Head Office in Coleshill. Full or part time considered for the right candidate. Previous Purchase Ledger or Payroll experience essential. Please visit [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies) for details or call Sandra Homer for an informal chat about the role 01675 434006

**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)