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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Public Celebrations of Holy Mass ceased on Saturday 21st March 2020. Masses will be celebrated in our church only in private until further notice. Fr John and Fr Kamil are offering Masses for the intentions of those listed on the newsheet.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 23.05.20 PM to Saturday 30.05.20 AM

Sat	23.05.20	People of the Parish
Sun	24.05.20	Liam and Bridie Evans RIP Patrick Lynch RIP
Mon	25.05.20	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable Holy Souls Noreen Donohoe RIP
Tue	26.05.20	Memorial of St Philip Neri Rhona Flower RIP anniv Jim Martyn RIP anniv
Wed	27.05.20	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury Holy Souls Maureen Conlon RIP
Thu	28.05.20	Key Workers Mary and Joseph Clarke RIP anniv
Fri	29.05.20	Solemnity of Dedication Gerry O'Meara intentions David Kettle RIP
Sat	30.05.20	Key Workers

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	30.05.20	Albert Poole RIP
Sun	31.05.20	Margaret Wilks RIP. Nernev and Killeen families

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

James Reilly, Funeral Service, Tues 26th. May, 10.30am, Robin Hood
Ann Flanagan, Burial Service, Wed 27th. May, 2.30pm, Kings Norton
Shelagh Wilson, Funeral Service, Thurs 28th. May, 12.15pm, Yardley Crem
Kevin Corrigan, Funeral Service, Mon 8th. June, 10.30am, Robin Hood
Margaret Tombs, Funeral Service, Wed 10th. June, 2pm, Yardley Crem

Funerals in the time of the Coronavirus outbreak Funeral services can only be conducted, with a limited number of mourners present, at a graveside or in a crematorium chapel. A memorial Mass can be celebrated in church for the repose of the soul of the deceased person once we are able to congregate again. Please pray for all the deceased and bereaved.

Virtual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes This week was due to be the week of the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year, it will be happening online and all are invited to join. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the opening Mass at 3pm on Sunday 24th. May and it will be live-streamed from St Chad's. Find the full programme on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage.

Prayer Sponsors for 1st Holy Communicants

Please consider becoming a prayer sponsor for one of our First Holy Communicants. It is simply a matter of keeping one of the children in your daily prayers. E-mail me at thomas.more@btinternet.com. It will be some time before I will be able to inform sponsors of the name of the child for whom they are being asked to pray. In the meantime, could you please keep all our First Holy Communicants in your prayers.

Journey in Faith: Our weekly talks are being live-streamed using Facebook on **Monday evenings at 8pm**. The material being used can be accessed from the Journey in Faith page on our website.

Livestreaming of Services from St Thomas More's

With the help of Fr Kamil and Facebook, I am continuing to be able to livestream liturgies celebrated behind closed doors in our parish. Simply key in **St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon** into a Facebook account. Other services and resources are available on the Archdiocese's Website. The **Eastertide Walk with Me** book can be purchased from www.alivepublishing.co.uk

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter & Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tidswell, Freya Williams, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine & Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plessner, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Aurora-Rose Hennessey, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Pdraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Marie Ryan, Caelan McGurk, Teresa & Des Duffy, William O'Donnell, Carol Peglar, Majella Wynne, Adam Hyde, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel & Shama Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, MaxTaylor.

ANNIVERSARIES Mgr Wilfrid Moore, Rev Thomas Bagnall, Rev Michael McKenna, Rev Patrick Taylor, Rev John Kearns, Rev James Ward, Canon John Hughes, Rev Dermot Corcoran, Deacon William Parker, Patricia Sullivan, Thomas McNicholas, Catherine Daly, Margaret Casey, James Martyn, Albert Claybrook, James McDonnell, Liam Evans, Matthew Cooke, Jozef Vlasics, Alexander Johnson, Patrick Bloomer, John Cahillane, Catherine Nernev, Margaret Clarke, Violet Brown.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS *The Universe* and *The Catholic Times* are now combined in a single newspaper- available in the presbytery porch. Many thanks for all your kindness! Please let us know if we can help you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the time of pandemic It is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation in the usual way at this time. The Sacrament cannot be celebrated over the phone or any form of social media. Our Holy Father is encouraging us to make **Spiritual Confessions**- confess our sins to God, with the intention of going to the Sacrament at the first opportunity once things are back to normal. If anyone would like to phone Fr John to discuss any spiritual or pastoral issues they may have, they are welcome to do so, but this would **NOT** be the Sacrament of Confession.



Friends of the Holy Land Coronavirus has had a devastating impact on the Holy Land with cancelled pilgrimages etc. **FHL** have launched The Pentecost Challenge, hoping to raise at least £100,000 between now and May 31st. Please visit <<http://www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/pentecost-challenge>>

Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.
Seventh Sunday of Easter
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
Reflection for Married Couples
Filled with Hope
Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

A Spiritual Holy Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Coronavirus Outbreak

Following an instruction from Archbishop Bernard, the church building has to be kept closed until further notice. There is presently a multi-faith task force in dialogue with the Government, to make progress with the re-opening of places of worship. More information can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship> and also <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/> Those who are frustrated with the closure of places of worship are encouraged to write to their MPs.

It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order and Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website.

For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 236 or visit www.stthomasmorerchurch.com for more information.

Please note:

- + The newsheet will continue to be published on the website on a weekly basis.
- + The Tote will be frozen until further notice, any advance payments will be resumed when we are back to normal.

Seventh Week of Easter 2020 at St Thomas More's, Sheldon

The following liturgies and services will be conducted behind locked doors but will all be **live-streamed** using our parish Facebook page: St Thomas More R.C Church Sheldon
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24th, Mass 10.30am, Holy Hour 5.30pm.

Seventh Week of Easter Monday, May 25th - Friday, May 29th...- from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer.

Saturday, May 30th... Evening Prayer of the Church, 5pm, Vigil Mass for Pentecost, 5.30pm, followed by Rosary and Night Prayer of the Church.

Sunday, May 31st... Pentecost Sunday, Mass 10.30am, Holy Hour and Benediction, 5.30pm.

Novenas The Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena will be prayed at 7pm Mass on Tuesday. A Novena to the Holy Spirit will be prayed this week, to prepare for Pentecost.

Special Novena to the Sacred Heart. This Novena is being prayed nightly before the Blessed Sacrament, for the intention that a vaccine will be developed shortly for the Coronavirus.

i) Oh Jesus who has said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened"....Behold I knock, I seek, I ask that this prayer, through the intercession of Our Lady, will be granted.....(State Request).....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

ii) Oh Jesus who has said "Anything you ask the Father in My Name will be granted,"Behold, in Your Name, I ask the Father for the grace of(State Request)Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

iii) Oh Jesus who has said "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away,"Behold, encouraged by the infallibility of Your Words, I feel confident that this prayer will be granted.....Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace that we ask of you through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, our tender Mother.....Hail Holy Queen.....St Joseph, Foster Father of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us

May, the Month of Our Lady Our country was re-dedicated to Our Lady, as Mary's Dowry, on March 29th. At our nightly Rosary from April 28th, to May 31st, I am praying prayers from the



writings of St Louis Marie de Montfort. This is to help us prepare to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st