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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 26th May 2024

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Intention

Jack Cahillane & Deceased of The Finneran Family

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Liam & Bridie Evans RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Mina Hanson & Sheila Hadley RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 27th Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Bank Holiday

11:00am Holy Mass

Private Intention

Tuesday 28th

10:30am Requiem Mass

Kieran O'Neil

6:00pm Holy Mass

Mary & Joseph Clarke & Families RIP Anniv

Wednesday 29th THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

9:30am Holy Mass

Teresa Hanratty Ints

1:00pm Requiem Mass

Dorothy Foy

Thursday 30th

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Deceased of the McDonald, Holden & Taylor Families.

7:00pm Reception

John Donohoe

Friday 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:00am Requiem Mass

John Donohoe

JUNE

Saturday 1st Saint Justin

10:00am Holy Mass

Private Intention

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & First Saturday Devotions

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Tony Mahon RIP.

SUNDAY 2nd

9:00am Holy Mass

Rose Masters & Joyce Powell

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



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Virgin Mary, among all creatures, is a masterpiece of the Most Holy Trinity. In her humble heart full of faith, God prepared a worthy dwelling place for himself in order to bring to completion the mystery of salvation. Divine Love found perfect correspondence in her, and in her womb the Only-begotten Son was made man.

Let us turn to Mary with filial trust, so that with her help we may progress in love and make our life a hymn of praise to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Responding to the love that comes from the Father, the Son gave his own life for us: on the cross God's merciful love reaches its highest expression. And it is on the cross that the Son of God obtains for us participation in eternal life that is communicated to us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thus, in the mystery of the cross, the three divine Persons are present: the Father, who gives his Only-Begotten Son for the salvation of the world; the Son, who totally fulfils the Father's plan; the Holy Spirit — poured out by Jesus at the moment of his death — who comes to make us participants in divine life, to transform our existence so that it may be enlivened by divine love.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

According to the mind of the Catholic Church, a building that has been solemnly dedicated, consecrated, blessed, hallowed, set apart for divine worship, is of itself a cause for celebration, for gratitude, for an annual expression of rejoicing. A Dedication Festival is an occasion for us to thank God for his gift to us of our Church, and also to commit ourselves once again to receive this gift as worthily as we can: in resolute fidelity; in holiness of life; in authentic worship, offered here in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

Then comes the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

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*

Sally Smyth, Simon Carlin
Kieran O'Neill Requiem Tuesday 28th May 10:30am
Mary Locke Funeral Tuesday 28th May
Robin Hood 2:00pm
Dorothy Foy Requiem Wednesday 29th May
1:00pm
John Donohoe Reception Thursday 30th May 7:00pm
Requiem Friday 31st May 11:00am
Mary Hayes Reception at St Augustine's, Solihull.
Wednesday 5th June 7:00pm
Requiem Thursday 6th June 12:30pm

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

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

19.05.24 - Gift Aid: £113.40. Non-Gift Aid: £369.65
Total: £483.05

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Communications - £247.19
This Weekend – Priests Training Fund

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

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

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 2nd July**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lay Chaplain and Pastoral Officer role at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School. Permanent role required from September 2024. Closing date Monday 3rd June 2024 at 9.00am. For more information please visit the school website. St Peter's Catholic School - Lay Chaplain and Pastoral Officer (st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)

CATHOLIC MARITIME CHARITY STELLA MARIS (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 22nd May 2024 - **Winning Numbers 07-10-23-24**
Next Draw Wednesday 29th May after 9:30am Mass.