

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 29th May 2022

Holy Mass Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Alice Simon &

Santhamma Abraham

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Lian & Bridie Evans

RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass Ann O'Rourke RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION

OF THE CHURCH

---- NO Mass

Tuesday 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

---- NO Mass

JUNE

Wednesday 1st Saint Justin

---- NO Mass

Thursday 2nd Saint Marcellinus & Saint Peter

Bank Holiday

---- NO Adoration
---- NO Mass

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions First Friday

**Bank Holiday** 

11:00am - 12noon Please note the change of times

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

12noon Holy Mass HM The Queen

Saturday 4th First Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass Veronica Sheridan RIP

10:30 – 11:00am

**Eucharistic Adoration &** 

First Saturday Devotions

12noon Holy Baptism

# Next Sunday 5th PENTECOST

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm SOLEMN VIGIL MASS

Michael & Mary Lyons RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo 11:00am Solemn Mass John Noone 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** – Friday 10:40am during Adoration



# THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Paschalis solemnitatis ("On the Preparation and Celebration of the Paschal Feast"), the Congregation for Divine Worship urged that "encouragement should be given to the prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a vigil, whose character is not baptismal as in the Easter Vigil but one of urgent prayer, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who preserved together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit"

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.

#### **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.

### **SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)**

Welcome to Fr. Armand Mayumbu to celebrate the Sunday Masses and to have the Mission Appeal. We pray for the work of the SMA.



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 JUNE **Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

**Recently Deceased** – May they rest in peace

Veronica Sheridan -

Reception Tuesday 31st May 6:00pm Requiem Mass Wednesday 1st June 12:15pm At Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood.

Mary Abbey -

Requiem Mass Wednesday 1st June 10:00am At Holy Family Small Heath

Michael McGovern -

Requiem Mass Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am Thomas Donnelly -

Requiem Mass Friday 17th June 9:30am John Shally, Mary Hawkins,

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Bill, Joanna, Garry Taylor & Andrew Holden

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

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend - SMA Fathers Mission Appeal Next Weekend - Priests' Training Fund

## **PARISH DIARY** JUNE

Saturday 4th **Pentecost Sunday** 

Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm

**Corpus Christi** Sunday 19th

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> The Feast of Saint Thomas More & Saint John Fisher

Mass 9:30am

Friday 24th The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Sunday 26th Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Ryan Fitzgerald & Hannah Green are to be married at Saint Thomas More, please pray for them.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children at Saint Andrew's School who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th 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 - 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 5th 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 for details or call Sandra Homer for an informal chat about the role 01675 434006

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