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# ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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## St. Thomas More Primary Sch.

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Headteacher: Mrs Kate Madia

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

—31<sup>ST</sup>.. May. 2020 – A



## St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch

Windrush Close, B92 8QL  
Tel: 0121 743 5675.  
Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

Public Celebrations of Holy Mass ceased on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30.05.20 PM to Saturday 06. 06.20 AM

<b>Sat</b>	30.05.20	Albert Poole RIP
<b>Sun</b>	31.05.20	Margaret Wilks RIP anniv Nerney and Killeen families
<b>Mon</b>	01.06.20	<b>Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church</b> Mary Josephine Lockett RIP anniv Sue Nightingale intentions
<b>Tue</b>	02.06.20	Michael King Mgr Seamus Conway Ordination Anniv
<b>Wed</b>	03.06.20	<b>Memorial:SS Charles Lwanga and companions</b> Edna Bateman RIP Veronica Sweeney ints
<b>Thu</b>	04.06.20	<b>Feast of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b> Shelagh Wilson RIP John Boyle RIP <b>Memorial of St Boniface</b>
<b>Fri</b>	05.06.20	Phyllis Leo RIP Christine White RIP
<b>Sat</b>	06.06.20	David Comerford RIP anniv

### Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

<b>Sat</b>	06.06.20	Mary Crean RIP
<b>Sun</b>	07.06.20	Mary Evans ints, Christine White RIP

### Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace

**Kevin Corrigan**, Funeral Service, Mon 8<sup>th</sup>. June, 10.30am, Robin Hood  
**Margaret Tombs**, Funeral Service, Wed 10<sup>th</sup>. June, 2pm, Yardley Crem  
**Thomas Caffrey**, Funeral Service, Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>. June, 12noon, Yardley Crem  
**Iris Fearon**, Funeral Service, Tues 16<sup>th</sup>. June, 12noon, Yardley Crem  
**Henry Getlevog**, Burial Service, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>. June, 2pm, Brandwood End  
**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.

### Prayer Sponsors for 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:thomas.more@btinternet.com). I will inform sponsors of the name of the child for whom they are being asked to pray as soon as I can. Please keep all the First Holy Communicants in your prayers.

### Male and Female He Created Them

Weekly talks on this document by the Congregation for Catholic Education- on gender identity- will be transmitted using Facebook at 8pm on Mondays

### 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.

**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 & Lillian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, 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, Padraig 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 & Sharma Smith, Kath Beales, Christine Lambe, Colette Hickey, Max Taylor.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Rev Joseph Lacy, Rev Cornelius Healy, Mgr Wilfrid Doran, Rev Charles Dessain CO, Rev William O'Brien, Rev John Lane, Rev Benedict Tarbuck, Rev John Crean, Canon Harry Bouchier, Jack Murfin, Thomas Morris, Alice de Silva Jesus Gomes, Monica Walmsley, Patrick Martin, Norah Yates, Terence Gilligan, Michael Moroney, Margaret Wilks, Alessandro Carnevale, Josephine Byrne, Joseph Cartwright, George Wilson, Theresa Royer, Mary Gegg, David Comerford, Catherine Maher, Robert King, Brendon Walton, Joan Walker, Mary Hallissey, Graham Coffey.

**Friends of the Holy Land** are trying to raise at least £100,000 to help Christians in the Holy Land. Please visit [www.friendsoftheholylanid](http://www.friendsoftheholylanid)

**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.



Every blessing to you all for Pentecost. Many thanks for your continuing kindness.

### Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.

#### Pentecost

[www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

#### Reflection for Married Couples

The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways. Years ago, on a Marriage Encounter weekend, we had a real experience of the Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways in different people", not just in Church documents, but in real life. We were like the disciples at Pentecost, "filled with joy when they saw the Lord", and we heard our own native language, deep inside each of us.

#### 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-locked-down-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](http://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.

### Week 9 of Ordinary Time 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  
**Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.** Mass 10.30am, Holy Hour 5.30pm.

**Week 9 of Ordinary Time Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.** - Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.....- from 6:30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass (7.00pm), Rosary, Night Prayer.

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>....**, Evening Prayer of the Church, 5pm, Vigil Mass for Trinity Sunday, 5.30pm, followed by Rosary and Night Prayer of the Church.

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>....** Trinity 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 Sacred Heart will be prayed at Mass on Friday, the First Friday of June.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. At our nightly Rosary from April 28<sup>th</sup>, to May 31<sup>st</sup>, I have been praying prayers from the writings of St Louis Marie de Montfort, to help us prepare to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary this Pentecost.

