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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 5th May 2024

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Living & Deceased of the
Clifford Family

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

George Cassidy RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass - Saint Thomas More School

First Holy Communions

Michael Smith RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 6th

Bank Holiday

11:00am Holy Mass

Hugh Prunty RIP

Tuesday 7th

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 8th

---- NO Morning Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation

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

6:00pm Vigil Mass Margaret Allen RIP Anniv

Thursday 9th

9:30am Holy Mass Simon Carlin RIP

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm Holy Mass Pro Populo

Friday 10th

9:30am Holy Mass Jim Conway RIP Anniv

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11th

---- NO Morning Mass

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday for Sunday

12noon Vigil Mass - Saint Andrew's School

First Holy Communions

5:30pm Vigil Mass Mary Doody RIP

SUNDAY 12th

9:00am Holy Mass Lynette & M. Kuruvilla

11:00am Solemn Mass - Saint Thomas More School

First Holy Communions

Pro Populo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions - 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration 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!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the love of Jesus Christ

"Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord, One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence,"

Yet, he lamented, "I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least."

"One cannot know the Lord without the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence," To waste time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. To adore, there in the silence, in the silence of adoration. He is the Lord and I adore Him."

Pope Francis

WELCOME - Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communions

Please pray for all the children making their First Holy Communion at the Solemn Mass today. Please also pray for their families that they will grow in their love of the Lord Jesus and always give thanks for His gift of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communions

Please pray for all the children making their First Holy Communion this Saturday at the Vigil Mass at 12 noon. And for their families.



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

- Mary Doody, Mary Dillon, Ray Tempest, Simon Carlin, Michael Reaney, John Eugene Doyle, Mary Smyth
- Sally Smyth Requiem Thursday 23rd May 11:30am
- Simon Carlin Reception at Our Lady of the Wayside Wednesday 22nd May 6:00pm
- Requiem Thursday 23rd May 11:00am
- Kieran O’Neill Requiem Tuesday 28th May 10:30am
- John Donohoe Reception Thursday 30th May 7:00pm
- Requiem Friday 31st May 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Margaret, Cathal, John & Berni McGrory and Brendan McCartney.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

28.04.24 - Gift Aid: £178.91. Non-Gift Aid: £338.69
Total: £517.60.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend - Church Roof Repairs

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
MAY**

- Sunday 5th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am
- Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation**
- Wednesday 8th **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**
- Thursday 9th **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**
- Saturday 11th Saint Andrew’s School First Holy Communion 12noon
- Sunday 12th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

JUNE

- 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

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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is celebrated annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It offers an opportunity for Eastern and Western Christians to come together to pray for peace in the world – especially in the Middle East. The charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) in partnership with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches helps organise this annual day of prayer, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, and India. Eastern and Western Christians are encouraged to take this opportunity during the season of Easter to come together in prayer. The occasion unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe and the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Pope. Join on this occasion in praying for an end to war and the re-establishment of unity and peace, and to give thanks for the steadfast witness of Eastern Christians in holding fast to their faith, traditions, and biblical homelands, even though many suffer the effects of war and discrimination, especially those in Ukraine and the Palestinian territories who are dispossessed and displaced.

MARRIAGE CARE

Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk



ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 29th April 2024 - **Winning Numbers 06-11-05-02**
Next Draw Monday 6th May after 11:00am Mass.