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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 8th May 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

12noon Holy Baptism

Intention

Margaret Allen RIP

Michael O'Sullivan RIP

Georg Doppelhofer

Weekday Masses

Monday 9th

9:30am Holy Mass

John Shally RIP

Tuesday 10th

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass

Edel McLoughlin

Wednesday 11th

9:30am Holy Mass

Andrew & David O'Gorman

Thursday 12th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Thomas Robinson RIP Anniv

Friday 13th Our Lady of Fatima

9:30am Holy Mass

Jim Conway RIP Anniv

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 14th Saint Mathias, Apostle

10:00am Holy Baptism

12noon Holy Mass

Saint Thomas More –
First Holy Communions

Next Sunday 15th THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

John Cahillane &

Deceased Finneran Family

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Ken Jones RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Michael Smith RIP Anniv

12noon Holy Baptism

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 - After the morning Mass on Fridays



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,

we ask you to send

labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,

vocations to the priesthood, diaconate

and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,

so that those whom you call

have the courage to give themselves

to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Saint Francis of Assisi, Handsworth, B19 1EB. Weekday Services 12:00

noon and 7:00pm, Fr. Derek Meskell CSsR, Monday 9th May to Wednesday

18th May 2022. The Novena Masses will be offered for the intentions of all

who participate. (Special Mass for the Sick and Housebound on Saturday

14th May at 10:30am).

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R E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
 alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Mary Deery
 Margaret Davis
 Michael O'Sullivan
 Veronica Sheridan
 Fr Ted Simpson SCJ
 Mary Abbey
 John Shally

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Bernadette Smith & Family and Kim Grundy.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

01.05.22 – Gift Aid £178.56 Non-Gift Aid: £486.46
 Total £665.02

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fr Hudson's 120th Birthday £219.43
This Weekend – Clergy Training Fund
Next Weekend – **At the request of his Grace the Archbishop a collection for the Ukraine.**

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.

PARISH DIARY MAY

Thursday 26th **Ascension Day** *Holiday of Obligation*
 Vigil Mass 6:00pm (Wed) Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

JUNE

Saturday 4th **Pentecost Sunday**
 Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday 19th **Corpus Christi**

Wednesday 22nd **The Feast of Saint Thomas More & Saint John Fisher**
 Mass 9:30am

Friday 24th **The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 Mass 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 26th Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children at Saint Thomas More School who over the next three Saturdays will be making their First Holy Communion. 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 17th May, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above not at our Catholic Schools who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please collect an application form from the Sacristy after Mass or phone the Parish office. The next Instruction class will be on **Tuesday 10th May at 4:00pm** in church.

COMEDY NIGHT

Thank you to Maxine and to all who helped to make the Comedy Night a success and very enjoyable evening. Thank you to the sponsors, Mary Wilkes, John Salt, Reliance Care Solutions Ltd, Pup and Duckling, Marks Hairdressers, Agnus Church Supply, JBB Home Improvements, Broadford Motors, Steven & Philip Painter, Jewson Partnership Solutions, Morrison's, & BDS Group who sponsored the event, The amount raised was £1,024.86.

PARISH TOTE

The Parish Tote will resume from the first weekend in June 4th & 5th. More information next weekend as we start to get everything ready.

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