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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 27th November 2022

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Andrew Smyth RIP Anniv

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Jim & Phyllis Leo RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Rita Somerville RIP Anniv

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 28th

11:00am Requiem Mass

Roseanna Lynch

Tuesday 29th

11:00am Requiem Mass

Helen Harnett

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Deceased of Legion of Mary

6:45pm **SYCAMORE – What do we believe?**

Wednesday 30th Saint Andrew, Apostle

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

---- NO Mass in Church

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st Saint Edmund Campion &

**Saint Ralph Sherwin & Martyrs' of the
Venerable English College Rome**

9:30am Holy Mass

Private Intention

Please note the change of time

Friday 2nd First Friday

9:30am Holy Mass

Julie Geelaw RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 3rd Saint Francis Xavier

10:00am Holy Mass

Bernadette Smith

10:30am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration &

First Saturday Devotions

Next Sunday 4th THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

John McGrory RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Chris Conway Sp.Int.

11:00am Solemn Mass

Mary & Jimmy Early 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 - During Adoration on Fridays



THE MARTYRS' PICTURE

This picture of the Most Holy Trinity hangs above the Altar in the Church of the Venerable English College in Rome. The proto-martyr of the English College is Saint Ralph Sherwin and we celebrate his Feast day on Thursday this week. He was martyred with Saint Edmund Campion. Whenever the Seminarians of the College had news that one of their former students had been martyred, they would gather before this picture and sing the Te Deum.

'We praise Thee, O God' Today the seminarians of the College will also gather before the same picture and again sing the Te Deum with the Relics of the Saints upon the Altar of the Church. Please pray for those studying at the English College they may not be coming back to England to face martyrdom, however, they will return to very difficult times.

Saint Ralph Sherwin Pray for us

Saint Edmund Campion Pray for us

ADVENT – The season invites the joy of expectation

Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us. How often does God give us a glimpse of his love! To keep, as it were, an "interior journal" of this love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life! Advent invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord present. Should not the certainty of his presence help us see the world with different eyes? Should it not help us to consider the whole of our life as a "visit," as a way in which he can come to us and become close to us in every situation?

Advent becomes an opportunity to reawaken within ourselves the true meaning of waiting, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah who was expected for long centuries and was born in poverty, in Bethlehem. In coming among us, he brought us and continues to offer us the gift of his love and his salvation.

I pray you have a holy Advent in preparation for a holy celebration of the Lord's Nativity.

Fr Christopher



ADVENT “WALK WITH ME”

The booklets are available at the back of church. Please talk one.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Raymond Fullard, John Salt, Rita Mottram

Rosanna Lynch –

Requiem Mass Monday 28th 11:00am

Helena Harnett –

Requiem Mass Tuesday 29th 11:00am

Rita Farrugia –

Requiem Mass Monday 12th Dec 11:00am

Gloria Freitas –

Requiem Mass Friday 16th Dec 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Shana Harbroune and the intentions of Mick Gallagher.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

20.11.22 – Gift Aid £150.97. Non-Gift Aid: £364.17
Total £515.14.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Youth Service – 206.89

This Weekend – Retiring for Priests Training Fund

Next Weekend – Poor Parishes 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.

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday 27th Woodlands – Blessing of Graves 2:00pm

Wednesday 30th Saint Andrew’s Day
Mass at 10:00am in school

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th Saint Andrew’s School Advent Carol Service in Church

Thursday 8th The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Mass: 9:30am & 6:00pm

Saturday 17th Rorate Caeli Mass 7:30am.

CHRISTMAS

Saturday 24th **Christmas Eve**

5:30pm Vigil Mass

8:00pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Night

SUNDAY 25th

Christmas Day

9:00am Dawn Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

CAFOD

Advent and prayer and resources for all ages can be found here: cafod.org.uk/advent

- online daily reflection calendars for all ages.
- carol sheets for services or carol singing in your local community
- an Advent reflection pack for parish groups over the four weeks of Advent.
- a new Nativity play script (coming soon)
- and children’s liturgy resources

BAZAAR

Thank you to all who did so much work to make sure the Bazaar was a success. Thank you for all the generous donations and support. The amount raised was £2356.00.

PIETY SHOP

There is a large collection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Gifts available. Please come and have a browse. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

HOLY FAMILY – SMALL HEATH

Christmas bazaar on Saturday 3rd December 1-3pm. All welcome

ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 23rd November 2022
Will be published Next Weekend
Next Draw Wednesday 30th November after Mass
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+