

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 30th November 2025

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Intention

Andrew & Mary Smyth RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Jimmy & Mary Early RIP Anniv.

11:00am Solemn Mass

Ann, Billy & Frank Rafferty

Weekday Masses

Monday 1st December St Edmund Campion

---- NO Mass

Tuesday 2nd

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 3rd Saint Francis Xavier

---- NO Mass

Thursday 4th

---- NO Mass

Friday 5th Saint Birinus

---- NO Mass

Saturday 6th Saint Nicholas

NO Morning Mass

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Trudy Pimm & Henry Quinn RIP

Sunday 7th

9:00am Holy Mass

Ray Hughes &
Brian Gisborne RIP Anniv.

11:00am Solemn Mass

Martin Cafferty RIP.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions 4:45pm – 5:15pm

DAILY MASS

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Acocks Green

Usually at 10:00am

Olton Friary

Usually at 10:15am



ADVENT

Advent is a time of preparation and joyful expectation. In 2025 the First Sunday of Advent is Sunday 30 November.

As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect.

We look forward to the coming of Christ: celebrating His birth, His renewed coming into our lives this Christmas, especially through the Eucharist, and His second coming at the end of time.

Advent marks the start of the Church's liturgical year. In 2025, we enter Cycle A.

Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. It's a key time in which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord coming into the world as the incarnate God of love.

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.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER

Would like to invite you to his Induction as Parish Priest at the Holy Name of Jesus, Cross Lane, Great Barr on Wednesday 10th December at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

BAPTISMS

If you would like to arrange a baptism please call the parish office on 0121 743 2367. Monday to Wednesday between 10:30am & 2:30pm

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Margaret (Peggy) Heffernan, Breda Hogan.
Martin De Vreede
Requiem Monday 22nd December 10:00am.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Bram Garner.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

23.11.25 - Gift Aid: £179.00. Non-Gift Aid: £470.87
Total: £649.87

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Youth Service - £209.38

This weekend - Priests Training Fund.
07.12 – Poor Parishes Fund.

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.

PARISH OFFICE - PLEASE NOTE - Whilst waiting for the appointment of a new parish priest, the presbytery will be closed. Any enquiries please telephone 0121 743 2367. If no answer please leave a message. You can also Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

If you need a priest in an emergency please Contact: **Sacred Heart & Holy Souls** on 0121 706 0800 or **Olton Friary** on 0121 706 0505.

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 concerns.

PARISH DIARY

DECEMBER

Monday 8th 9:30am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Sunday 21st 5:00pm Carol Service followed by refreshments.

CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 24th **Christmas Eve**
3:30pm Vigil Mass
8:00pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Night

Thursday 25th **Christmas Day**
9:00am Dawn Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass



Christmas wreath making workshop
13th December 12-2pm
St Thomas More church
130 Horseshoes Lane, Sheldon, B26 3HU

£30pp for all materials and festive refreshments - Booking is essential

In aid of **mary's meals** £19.15 will provide a meal for a child everyday for a year. Just 10p provides a meal

For tickets call Sue Nightingale on 07973741062 or contact Carmel at the Piety Stall.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £250
Result for 26th November 2025
07-19-20-01
Next Draw Wednesday 3rd December at 10:00am
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers -
5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+