



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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

## THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Holy Mass

### Intention

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Mary Maloney RIP Anniv.

### SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

Mary Puckrin RIP Anniv.

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

Rita Mottram RIP Anniv.

### *Weekday Masses*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Saint Leo the Great, Pope**

---- NO Mass

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Martin of Tours**

---- NO Mass

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Saint Josaphat**

---- NO Mass

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

---- NO Mass

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

---- NO Mass

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday**

---- NO Morning Mass

## THE XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Special Intention for Vlad

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am Holy Mass**

Seamus McGrory RIP Anniv

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

William Allen RIP Anniv

### 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

### DAILY MASS

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Acocks Green

Usually at 10:00am

Olton Friary

Usually at 10:15am

Please check Newsletters.



## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honour.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time.

Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the *mother church of all churches in the world*.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

### 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.**

### DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

Holy Mass this year will be offered at Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley for the deceased clergy who served the Deanery 12noon Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone is welcome to attend the Mass.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Margaret (Peggy) Heffernan

Breda Hogan

Requiem Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 11:30am

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored for the intentions of Michael.

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

### WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

02.11.25 - Gift Aid: £167.98. Non-Gift Aid: £458.98  
Total: £626.96.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Johnson Association – £291.17**

23.11 – Catholic Youth Service.

### PIETY STALL

A beautiful selection of Christmas Cards and gifts now 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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## PARISH DIARY NOVEMBER

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

### HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LISTS

Envelopes are available for your Mass offerings - **Please hand the offering envelope into the Sacristy for safety.** As with all Mass intentions it is traditional to make an offering.

**Please go to the Lady Chapel Altar with your list of names.**

Please put your list of intentions in the box provided and Holy Mass will be offered for your loved one's weekly during the Month of November.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES - NOVEMBER

Yardley	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon.
Lodge Hill,	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm.
Witton	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm.
Widney Manor 1	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm. (from carpark to roundabout inc. first lawn on the left)
Kings Norton	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm.
Widney Manor 2	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm. (from island down to the railway line)
Robin Hood	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2:00pm.
Wythall	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2:00pm.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION 11<sup>th</sup> November –

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**If you were planning on attending OR 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**



### PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We are urgently looking for donations of Bottles, Chocolates and Gifts for all the Tombola's and Bric-a-brac. Items can be left in the church porch after the weekend Masses.

A Wishlist has also been put up in the porch. Please indicate if you are able to help.



**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250**  
Result for 03.11.25 - **Winning Numbers 06-23-22-17**  
**Next Draw Wednesday 10:00am**