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THE XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

12noon Holy Baptism

12:45pm Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 24th

9:30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 25th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Wednesday 26th

9:30am Holy Mass

Thursday 27th

10:30am Requiem Mass

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Friday 28th Saint Simon & Saint Jude, Apostles

9:30am Holy Mass

10:00am - 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 29th Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Holy Mass

1:00pm Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 30th THE XXXI SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

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

Intention

Maureen Gaffney

Rose Masters &
Joyce Powell

Patrick Nolan RIP

Michael Whyte RIP

Annie Reilly RIP Anniv.

Archbishop Bernard Longley

Francis O'Leary

Sanctity of all Human Life

Martin O'Meara RIP Anniv.

Hanora & James Goodchild

Foley Family

Michael O'Sullivan

Margaret Ward



DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Monday 7th November

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.



"God has created me to do him some definite service."

These words of St. John Henry Newman are at the heart of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Each one of us has been created by God to do something incredible; something that only we can do. Our journey to discover what this is, begins at the moment of our Baptism, when we are called to know, to love and to serve God throughout our lives.

I encourage you to ask God to help you each day to discover what He is calling you to do. Invite Him into your life, and into your heart. Pray that He might help you to respond in faith and love.

If you have any questions, or would like to explore your vocation within the Church, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Vocations Office. May the Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother Mary grant you the wisdom to discern your call.

I invite you to join me each day in praying the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

With my prayers and best wishes,

Fr. Craig Szmidt

SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country.

On **Thursday 27th October please go to Mass**, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day.

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 OCTOBER

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Michael Whyte, John Sheehan, Raymond Fullard,
Francis O'Leary – Requiem Mass Thursday 27th
October 10:30am

Edward (Ted) Beard – Requiem Mass Thursday 3rd
November 11:00am

Mary Eyre – Requiem Mass Wednesday 9th
November 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Sanctity of all Human Life

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

16.10.22 – Gift Aid £157.04. Non-Gift Aid: £427.45
Total £584.49

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – World Mission Sunday

Next Weekend – Retiring collection for the Priests Training 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

	The Solemnity of All Saints – <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>
Monday 31 st Oct	Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Tuesday 1 st	Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm
Wednesday 2 nd	All Souls Holy Mass 9:30am, 12noon & 6:00pm
Monday 7 th	The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood 9:30am Holy Mass 10:00am – 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 10:00am Rosary – The Joyful Mysteries 12noon Rosary – The Mysteries of Light 3:00pm Divine Mercy & Rosary – The Sorrowful Mysteries 5:15pm Rosary – The Glorious Mysteries 5:45pm Solemn Benediction 6:00pm Holy Mass
Saturday 19 th	Christmas Bazaar 11:00am – 2:00pm

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year, World Mission Sunday falls on Sunday, 23 October. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: 'The essence of mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the father and of humanity.'

All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the material needs of Catholic communities too young, too small or too poor to support themselves. Donations help them to live out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit

missio.org.uk/wms.

Fr Anthony Chantry

National Director Missio



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
Result for 19th October 2022
Winning Numbers 13-21-10-08
No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 26th October 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+