



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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

## THE XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

### Holy Mass

### Intention

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

People of Afghanistan

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

Michael McTernan RIP

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

Jerry Corkery RIP Anniv

12noon Holy Baptism

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Saint Francis of Assisi

9:30am Holy Mass Noreen Fennell

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Saint Faustina Kowalska

---- NO Mass

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Holy Mass Toolan Family RIP

*Note the change of time*

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary

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

3:30pm – 6:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Private Intention

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Mass Eileen Donohoe Sick

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Saint John Henry Newman

10:00am Holy Mass Fred Griffith

12noon Holy Baptism

3:00pm Nuptial Mass Lyrallynn Ramos &

Darwin Llanes

### 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

## Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Saturday for Sunday*

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Patricia Carlin RIP

SUNDAY

**9:00am Holy Mass**

Kathleen O'Gorman

**11:00am Solemn Mass**

Joseph O'Shea RIP

### The Readings for Mass are on a separate sheet

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

Daniel Graham – Funeral at Yardley Crematorium

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1:45pm

Lillian Collins – Sister Susan's Mother

Siobhan Merry – Requiem Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am

Charles Harris – Funeral Service Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 11:15am

## SAINT FAUSTINA

Jesus to St Faustina as recorded in her diary "before I come as a just Judge. I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..." Let us repent of our sins & pass through the door of His mercy.

## PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOPS

Starting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday mornings after Mass – 10:30am – 12:30pm

### What are the Prayer and Life Workshops?

The Prayer and Life Workshops are an ecclesial movement officially recognised by the Church. It offers a form of evangelization that is more alive and with a new positive vision.

It is a vibrant and active presentation of Jesus with a greater adaptation towards the necessities of our present society and what people really need, with its emphasis on Love's transforming power.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

**Missionary Disciples:** That every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION –

**THURSDAYS 3:30pm – 6:00pm**



We may have asked ourselves, at one time or another, how we can correspond to the greatness of God's love. We may have wanted to see a program for Christian living clearly explained. The answer is easy, and it is within reach of all the faithful: to participate lovingly in the holy Mass, to learn to deepen our personal relationship with God in the sacrifice that summarises all that Christ asks of us.

*Saint Josemaria Escriva*

Please support our parish time of Adoration. As the dark nights start, we may well also have Adoration on Friday mornings after Mass for those who don't wish to come out in the evenings. Please sign the list in the porch. Thank you

## RIGHT TO LIFE UK

In July, a case was heard at the High Court, which was brought forward by Heidi Crowter, a 26-year-old woman who has Down's syndrome, together with Máire Lea-Wilson, whose two-year-old son Aidan has Down's syndrome.

Heidi and Máire were challenging the UK Government over the disability clause in the current law that allows abortion up to birth for disabilities, including Down's syndrome, cleft lip and club foot.

The two judges, one of whom has a long record of representing abortion providers and of ruling against people with disabilities in her judgements, released their decision. Sadly Heidi and Máire's case was dismissed by the High Court.

Thankfully, Heidi and Máire are not giving up and have made it clear that they will take their case against the Government over the UK's discriminatory abortion law to the Court of Appeal.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website ([cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, [cafod.org.uk/climate](http://cafod.org.uk/climate). And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at [cafod.org.uk/emergencies](http://cafod.org.uk/emergencies).

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** This weekend in memory of Patrick & Mena Jordan.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS** This week are sponsored by the Salt & Winspear Families.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Father Hudson's Society: £101.01

This Weekend - CAFOD Family Fast.

Next Weekend – Catholic Evangelisation.

## Weekly Giving to the Church

Gift Aid: £125.00 Non-Gift Aid: £385.60

Total: £510.60

All collections will still be taken before and afterwards. Please consider giving by standing order.

**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](mailto:stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

## MUSIC AT THE SOLEMN MASS – 11:00AM

Sanctus & Agnus Dei – Plainsong Mass XVIII

**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et terra gló-ri-a  
tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit  
in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excélsis.

*ed. Vat. XVIII*

**A**gnus De-i, \* qui tollis peccá-ta mun-  
di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. ij. Agnus De-i, \*  
qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem.

## THE DAILY MASS

As a good rule you can see how spiritually healthy a parish is by the number of the faithful attending the daily Mass. It is or should be at least 10% - 15% of the Sunday attendance. So on our present numbers we should get between 30 – 45, we don't it's between 15 and 25. So not very healthy! Please consider coming to Mass more often. In a culture when keeping the Ten Commandments has become optional this is difficult. But we are called to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

## GOLD – GOLD – GOLD !

If anyone has any unwanted gold, odd earrings etc that you may wish to donate. The gold can be donated at any weekend Masses. We can keep this running for quite a few weeks, then the gold will be weighed and the money raised going to the church restoration fund.

## PARISH DANCE – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

At Holy Souls Social Club with dancing with Tom & Irene. This will be opportunity to be together again after all the difficulties of the pandemic. Tickets available this weekend. All welcome at Holy Souls at 8:00pm  
Contact: Agnes 07944 851118 Edel 07836 704178

## BAGS 2 SCHOOL

In order to raise money to help Saint Andrew's School (as they missed out before during the lockdown when we were helping Saint Thomas More) we would like the Parish to donate unwanted, clean clothing, handbags, paired shoes, hats, household linen and many other items. More information in the porch. **Please deliver the bags to the church hall before or after Masses from Saturday 30th October until Thursday 4th November.**

## PARISH TOTE

Hopefully the Parish Tote will resume from the first weekend in November.