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THE XXX SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26th October 2025

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Maureen Gaffney RIP Anniv

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

John Salt RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Martin O'Meara RIP Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 27th

---- NO Mass

Tuesday 28th Saint Simon & Saint Jude, Apostles

---- NO Mass

Wednesday 29th

6:00pm Holy Mass

Marriage Care

Thursday 30th

---- NO Mass

Friday 31st

---- NO Mass

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st

---- NO Morning Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Ann Maguire

SUNDAY 2nd

9:00am Holy Mass

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11:00am Solemn Mass

Angela Reddin RIP Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Humility Leads to Justification

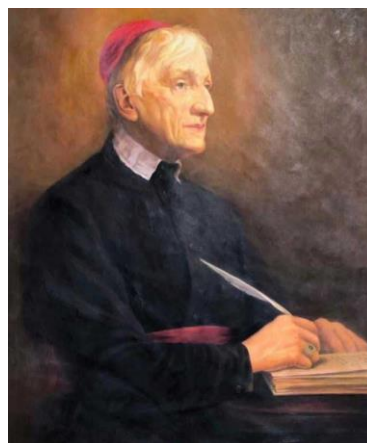
The Gospel reading for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches that humility is necessary to be right with God. Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee stands confidently, thanking God that he is better than others. He lists his good deeds, believing they make him righteous. The tax collector, however, stands at a distance, unwilling to lift his eyes. He simply prays for mercy. Jesus says it is the tax collector who goes home justified.

This challenges how people often see holiness. The Pharisee follows the law and does good works, but his pride separates him from God. The tax collector, despite his sins, knows he needs God's mercy. He does not try to prove his worth. He simply asks for forgiveness.

The lesson is clear. No one earns God's favour through good deeds alone. It is not about comparing ourselves to others or thinking we are better. It is about recognizing our need for God and trusting in His mercy. The Pharisee looked good on the outside but was full of pride. The tax collector was honest about his sins and humbled himself. Jesus says that is the kind of person God lifts up.

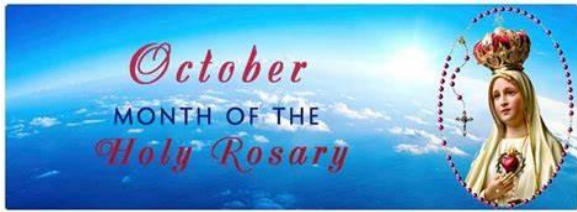
Prayer

Lord, help me to be humble before You. Keep me from pride and self-righteousness. Teach me to trust in Your mercy and not in my own efforts. Give me the strength to stay faithful in hard times. Open my heart to hear the cries of those in need and to show kindness. Amen.



SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Pope Leo XIV will officially proclaim Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church during Mass on Saturday, 1 November.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Margaret (Peggy) Heffernan
Requiem Thursday 6th November 11:00am.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of John, Iris & Ian Salt.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

19.10.25 - Gift Aid: £131.50. Non-Gift Aid: £472.38.
Total: £603.88

SECOND COLLECTIONS

APF World Mission. - £300.22

02.11 – Johnson Association.

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
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 concern.

PARISH DIARY

November

Saturday 1st **The Solemnity of All Saints**
Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 2nd Masses 9:00am & 11:00am
Monday 3rd All Souls



Please return your Missio Red Boxes for counting as soon as possible.
Thank You

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 11th November**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

MARRIAGE CARE

Will be based here at St Thomas More. There will be Mass here on Wednesday 29th October.

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.



PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday 15th 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 22.10.25 - **Winning Numbers 07-08-03-18**
Next Draw Wednesday 10:00AM