

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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## THE XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11th September 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Macklin RIP

Intention

**SUNDAY** 

9:00am Holy Mass 11:00am Solemn Mass George Cassidy RIP

HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> **The Most Holy Name of Mary** 9:30am Holy Mass Paddy Folan RIP

Tuesday 13th Saint John Chrysostom

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Seamus McGrory

# Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:30am Holy Mass Rita & Ben Duffy Special Int.

Thursday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass David Allen RIP

Friday 16th Saint Cornelius & Saint Cyprian

10:30am Requiem Mass Michael Gorman

Saturday 17th Saint Robert Bellarmine

10:00am Holy Mass Alice Simon &

Santhamma Abraham

12noon Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> THE XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Alan Bakewell

**SUNDAY** 

9:00am Holy Mass Annie Parker Special Int.
11:00am Solemn Mass Julia, Mary & Paul O'Connor

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** 



## HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty The Queen Cardinal Vincent Nichols paid tribute to Her Majesty:

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King

#### RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove you 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 SEPTEMBER **Abolition of the Death Penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

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

Michael Gorman -

Requiem Mass Friday 16th 10:30am

Molly Dawson -

Reception Tuesday 20th September 5:00pm

Requiem Mass Wednesday 21st 10:00am

Maureen Blaney, Bernadette Nicholls,

Susan Healy, Fr Dermot Felon, Fr Paul Devaney

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are light for:

HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP **HM King Charles III** 

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS This week are donated by Mary Ann Gaulstaun

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

## WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

04.09.22 - Gift Aid £138.00 Non-Gift Aid: £310.79 Total £448.79

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Clergy Training Fund - £389.35

This Weekend - Catholic Education Service

Next Weekend – Catholic Evangelisation

## **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

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 SEPTEMBER**

Saturday 17th A Day for Ministers of the Liturgy

Saint Ambrose Barlow Hall Green 10:00am - 3:00pm

**OCTOBER** 

Sunday 2<sup>md</sup> Afternoon Tea 3:00pm - Parish Hall

Friday 7th - Monday 10th

'Lourdes is coming to us'

**NOVEMBER** 

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 19th Christmas Bizarre 11:00am - 2:00pm

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is Tuesday 13th September, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

## **EDUCATION SUNDAY**

Education Sunday is marked this year on 11 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2022 is 'enlightening the mind', taken from Ephesians 1:17-18. Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study. Please pray for all connected with our Catholic schools and University Chaplaincies. There will be a second collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service.

#### **PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL**

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, submerging vast areas of land and leaving 6 million people in need of urgent help. People have lost their homes, their cattle, their lands and their livelihoods, and urgently require humanitarian assistance. Affected communities immediately need clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected. If you are able to donate please see the Disasters **Emergency Committee website:** 

https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal

## **STEWARDS**

Please can we have more help at the Sunday Masses. At the moment a few very faithful people are doing everything. More help would be greatly appreciated.

