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### **ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON**

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Year of the Word – The God Who

Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.

# **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN** ORDINARY TIME – 6<sup>TH</sup> September 2020

Please Note; There will be No Facebook transmissions. Masses			
Sat	5:30pm	Joe, Mary and Alice Macklin RIP	
	8:30am	Janet Knott ints	
	10:30am	Margaret McGrory RIP	
Mon	9:30am	Cath & Thomas Larkin, RIP	
Tue		Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	5:30pm	James & Jane O'Brien, RIP	
Wed	9:30am	Colin Hitchins, RIP	
Thu	5:30pm	Mikie Burke, RIP	
Fri	9:30am	Colin McCarthy, RIP	
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### Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Mgr Seamus Conway, RIP
Sun	8:30am 10:30am	Julia, Mary & Paul O'Connor, RIP Anniv. David Allen, RIP Anniv.

### **Recently Deceased**

Pray for all those who have lost their lives at this time because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

May they rest in peace

September - Month of Our

Lady of Sorrows

Confessions will be available in our church on Saturday September 12th from 10.00am-11.00am. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used.

We Welcome in to the family of our parish Eve Ellis-Mayes, **Finn McCracken** and **Gregory Peyton** who were baptised here last weekend

Hello! able to donate, there are standing order & Gift Aid forms available on the I feel like Saint Peter at the Transfiguration: "It is good to be here". Archdiocesan Website. I don't think I'm going to set up a tent! It is indeed good to have For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact arrived at Saint Thomas More and to be offering Holy Mass this the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367. Visit www.stthomasmorercchurch.com or weekend. www.birminghamdiocese.org for more information. Please pray for Father John as he begins the Lord's work in Banbury. Also for Father Kamil as he goes to pastures new. Thank you for being at Holy Mass and for your faithfulness to the Dear parishioners of St Thomas More's, Lord may you have many blessings and graces from Him. I am truly grateful to you all for your great kindness, especially over this past Have a wonderful week filled with Faith, Joy, Love and Peace. week. Fr Dougal and I have received so many cards, gifts and good wishes. People Do take care. I will keep you in my prayers before the Lord. have gone out of their way to call at the presbytery with their kind words, and promises of prayers. God bless you all. Fr Christopher I have been truly blessed to have been your parish priest these past 10 years. I know you will give great support to Fr Christopher. "Our condemnation is often the veil for our own weakness; we cover up our own nakedness with the mantle of criticism; we see the mote in our May God continue to bless us all, brother's eve, but never the beam in our own." Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen Rainbow of Sorrow Fr John SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter & Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Ann Taylor, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, Elaine & Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Rita Duffy, Josephine Conboy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty,

Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Aurora-Rose Hennessey, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Padraig Mannion, Ann Heath, David Comerford, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Caelan McGurk, Teresa & Des Duffy, William O'Donnell, Carol Peglar, Majella Wynne, Adam Hyde, Jacob, Kerry, Carmel, Sharna Smith, Colette Hickey, Max Taylor, Molly Cahillane.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Taylor, Fr McCrystal, Mgr Fallon, Fr Hutt, Fr Round, Francis McCann, Mary Sheard, Thomas Fitzgerald, Christine O'Carroll, Mary O'Connor, Jane Finneran, Lilian Flanagan, Albert Hayes, Patrick Gallagher, Ellen Plant, Eugene Francis, Michael Ray, Anthony Taaffe, Stephen Cunniam, Baby Leo Berry, John Graham, Dorothy McDonagh, Philip Parsons, Mary Cullen, Bridget Lyons, Carmel Dunn, Daniel Maher, Joseph Quigley, Florence Doyle, Philomena Davis.

## Public Services in Church

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Public Masses are taking place in our church. We still need volunteer stewards, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, servers and readers. All offering to help in these ways need to be people who don't presently have

to self-isolate, or be living with someone who is self-isolating. Those attending Mass will be required to wear face coverings- masks or home-made face coverings. It is the responsibility of the person coming to a public service to provide their own face covering. As many people will still be unable to go to church, Mass will also be live-streamed using our Facebook page at 12 noon

on Sunday. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended. The diocese is encouraging people to

attend a weekday Mass, for their weekly Mass, to avoid congregations on Sundays being too large for safety. Weekday Masses in our church will take place as follows: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am (church open at 9am) and at 5.30pm on Tues and Thurs (church open at 5pm). We will be following our standard Sunday Mass times- Sat

5.30pm, Sun 8.30, 10.30am at the weekends for Mass in church.

Twenty-Second Sunday ,Ordinary Time (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) **Reflection for Married Couples** To listen is to Love

Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise ...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them'. In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying, 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

A Spiritual Holy Communion My Jesus I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Coronavirus Outbreak Update- Re-Opening of the Church for Public Services Our church is open for 1 hour per day. This includes the time for daily public Mass. The daily schedule that we are following is: Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 9am-10am; Tuesday, Thursday evening, 5pm-6pm. Thanks to the parishioners who have offered to be volunteer stewards. If you would like to be a volunteer Steward please contact Fr Christopher. The church toilets will not be available when the church is open for private prayer or for public Mass. Please visit https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-pan-

to-reopen-places-of-worship and also https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishopsrespond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/

It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still