



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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

THE XXV SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21st September 2025

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

George Cassidy RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Carmel Quigley Ints

Weekday Masses

Monday 22nd

9:30am Holy Mass

Eddie McHugh RIP

Tuesday 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

9:30am Holy Mass

Chris Bourke RIP

Wednesday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham

9:30am Holy Mass

Fr Paul Johnson RIP

Thursday 25th

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Oliver Dwyer RIP

Friday 26th

10:15am Requiem Mass

Aidan Lawless

Saturday 27th Saint Vincent de Paul

11:00am Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick

Sick & Housebound.

THE XXVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Mary Doody RIP

SUNDAY 28th

9:00am Holy Mass

Mervyn Darling RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Josie Enright RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Our Blessed Mother wanted the shrine to be established at Walsingham so that all who come there can share in the joy she experienced at the Annunciation and we, as Carmelite brothers and sisters in the Divine Will, aim to help everyone live in the joy and freedom of her FIAT! Pope Leo XIII's prophesy that 'when England returns to Walsingham, Mary will come back to England' may well include a pilgrimage to Walsingham but more importantly it is about returning home changed.

No pilgrimage without some inner transformation, without some understanding of what needs to be done when returning home so as to live a deeper and more authentic Christian life, will bring England back to its Christian roots. As Christ becomes more incarnate in us, so those around can come to know the joy and beauty of knowing him and the peace that comes from living in union with the Father who created

Walsingham exists to remind us of the mystery of Mary's silent surrender, her self-sacrificing love, her joy and humility in bearing and believing the Word of God. The Spirit is ultimate freedom, total unpredictability. God lives not in a 'house made with hands' but in hearts that are, with Mary, ready for anything – *'Be it done unto me according to your word.'*

News from the Catholic Bishops' Conference

Statement from Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, on the Terminally Ill Adults Bill in the House of Lords.

As the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is being considered at length in the **House of Lords**, we reiterate our firm opposition to the bill in principle and in practice. Despite being described by proponents as the safest of its kind, the bill remains unworkable. It puts the safety of our healthcare institutions, professionals, and patients at risk.

A call to prayer and action

We continue to call for prayer and action. I urge you to contact members of the House of Lords and in particular share your personal or professional experience on this important matter.



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Fr Anthony Rohan. Fr Paul Johnson, Mary Donnelly
Aidan Lawless Requiem Friday 26th 10:15am

SANCTUARY LAMP This weekend are for the intentions of the sick and housebound of the parish.

Sponsor a sanctuary lamp for £5 in memory of a loved one or for someone’s intentions.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

14.09.25 - Gift Aid: £151.15 Non-Gift Aid: £356.99
Total: £508.14

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Education Service - £243.33

This Weekend – Catholic Evangelisation.

28.09 – Father Hudson’s Society.

BIRMINGHAM HOSPICE STREET COLLECTION - £5241.06

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.

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 27th
Tuesday 30th

Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
‘About becoming a Catholic’ 6:30pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 4th

Holy Mass for Children with Special Educational Needs
And Disabilities SEND 11:00am

RCIA – About becoming a Catholic

The new course of instruction in the faith. The next meeting is on Tuesday 30th September after the 6:00pm evening Mass. If you wish to register please collect an application form from the Sacristy after one of the Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office.

THE CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project.

As such, all Dioceses and Religious Life Groups (RLGs) have been asked by the CSSA to share a public survey inviting survivors to contribute their experiences. The purpose of this public call is to gather information from anyone who has had recent contact with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or any other Diocese or RLG. This includes experiences that are new or ongoing, as well as those connected to non-recent abuse, both in a faith context and outside of faith. While the primary focus is the period from July 2024 onwards, the CSSA do not wish to limit what survivors choose to share.

Information regarding this survey can be found via:

www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/

MARRIAGE CARE

Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care. For more information see the poster in the porch or visit their website: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

WALSINGHAM

Please help to support the Shrine. There are Raffle Tickets available from the Piety Shop.



ST. THOMAS MORE’S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250
Result for 17.09.25 - **Winning Numbers 19-18-22-04**
Next Draw Wednesday 24th After morning mass