



**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thomas was born in Aquino, Italy and died in 1274.

He was a Dominican Priest, a great theologian and is known as the 'Angelic Doctor'. His Memorial is celebrated on 28 January.

He acknowledged it is not easy being a student. We all know that at any level, learning is a challenging experience. Paraphrasing St. John

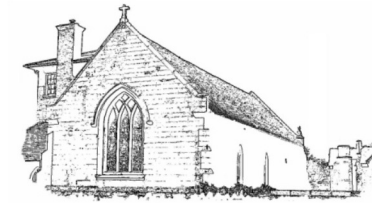
of the Cross, "to come to enjoy what you don't know, you must go through what you don't know," and even though learning is a deeply satisfying experience, the process itself can often be frustratingly hard. That's where St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of scholars helps with a prayer addressing God as the source of all knowledge.

***Creator of all things,  
true source of light and wisdom,  
origin of all being,  
graciously let a ray of your light penetrate  
the darkness of my understanding.  
Take from me the double darkness  
in which I have been born,  
an obscurity of sin and ignorance.  
Give me a keen understanding,  
a retentive memory, and  
the ability to grasp things  
correctly and fundamentally.  
Grant me the talent  
of being exact in my explanations  
and the ability to express myself  
with thoroughness and charm.  
Point out the beginning,  
direct the progress,  
and help in the completion.  
I ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

<https://aleteia.org/2017/11/21/a-students-prayer-by-st-thomas-aquinas/>  
<https://biblestudyforcatholics.com/students-prayer-by-st-thomas-aquinas/>

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions  
(YEAR C Readings)**

**Sunday 27 January**  
8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Veronica Mitchell R.I.P.  
For the People of The Parish

**Monday 28 January**  
9.00 am -

**Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest, Dr of the Church**  
Holy Souls

**Tuesday 29 January**  
9.00 am -

**Feria in Ordinary Time**  
Doreen Millard R.I.P.

**Wednesday 30 January**  
*Please note the change of Mass time for today*  
9.30 am -  
2.00 pm -

**Feria in Ordinary Time**  
# Discussion Group (please see note below)  
Requiem Mass for Ellie Tansey R.I.P.

**Thursday 31 January**  
11.30 am -

**Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest**  
Stan Robson R.I.P.

**Friday 1 February**  
11.30 am -

**Feria in Ordinary Time**  
Private Intention

**Saturday 2 February**  
10.00 am -

**Feast of the Presentation of The Lord**  
Private Intention

**Sunday 3 February**  
8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
For the intentions of Ron Kempson  
For the People of The Parish

**# The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!



"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."  
Matt 18:20

**Anniversaries in January:** Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), David Sambrook (2009), William Eardley (2009), Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014)

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased members of our community  
Ellie Tansey, Ray Fogg, Noel Clarke  
May they Rest In Peace

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**Prayers for the sick:** Denis Conway, Kathleen Clarke, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sunday 27 January** Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson  
John Charuk, Steve McWalter  
**Sunday 3 February** Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley  
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd

**Readers:**

**Sunday 27 January** Biddy Goodyear  
Ruth Whittle  
**Sunday 3 February** Liz Cornish  
Joan McKay

**Church Cleaners:**

**Friday 1 February** Maureen Brewer, Teresa Crane & Anne-Marie Robinson  
**Friday 10 February** Annick Harvey & Sheila Fernihough

**Money Counters:**

**For the 27 Jan collection** Mr J W Bradley  
**For the 3 Feb collection** Mrs B Goodyear & Mrs M Walmsley

**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 20 January**

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00  
Gift Aid Envelopes £195.00  
Loose cash £230.85  
Second collection taken on for Pax Christi: £240.18

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448**

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**.

**HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson**

**EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house**

Our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK** is being made today, **SUNDAY 27 JANUARY**. There is need for supplies generally but cash is also welcomed and will be used by the Foodbank to purchase supplementary items. For such cash donations please use the envelopes provided on the porch table and hand them to Jane & Peter Handley or Fr John.



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



**Children who will be 8 years old by June** of this year are eligible for preparation classes for **First Holy Communion** at Harvington on Sunday 23 June 2019, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. If this applies to a member of your family please complete the information slip available from the table in the porch and post it in the marked envelope on the clip board.

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February 11 is **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. Mass will be celebrated at **St Ambrose Church**, Kidderminster at **12 noon on SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY** with Fr. George Grynowski as the principal celebrant and speaker. Fr George is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and a canon lawyer. He has personal experience of very serious illness and hopes to offer insights which may be helpful to us all. He will bless the oil of the sick during Mass and people who are sick are invited to be anointed.

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**A VACANCY** has arisen for a Clerk to Dame Mary Yate Almshouses following the impending retirement of the current Clerk. The position is salaried and part-time. Administrative and book-keeping skills are desirable. Job description available from and application in writing to the Clerk, Mrs June Hall: [junehall@hotmail.uk](mailto:junehall@hotmail.uk) (Telephone number in case of enquiries: 01299 851511)

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The **ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE for the BLIND** collect used stamps (trimmed with a 1cm border) and sell them for £20 per kilo to raise funds for their work. There is a collection box in the porch and we will ensure all donated stamps will be forwarded to the RNIB on your behalf.

