

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

St Thomas More Parish in partnership with Corpus Christi, Ernesford Grange and St Anne's, Willenhall

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Thirty-second Sunday of the Year (C)
November 11th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of Your glory, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Patricia Pearce RIP

6.00pm Ellen Duffy (Anniv.)

Next Sunday (Thirty-third Sunday of Year C)

9.00am David Boyle (Anniv.)

11.00am Ints of Mary Burke

6.00pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (Please note: Tuesday morning Mass at 9am in side chapel this week)

Monday 9.00am Molly Gallagher RIP

7.00pm Ints of Marie Ainsworth

Tuesday 9.00am Mabel Woods

7.00pm Bridget Bateman

Wednesday 9.00am John Comer (Anniv.)

7.00pm John Francis McCarthy (Anniv.)

Thursday 9.00am Robert Seidenath RIP

7.00pm Eva Ward (Anniv.)

Friday 9.00am Mary Finnegan (Anniv.)

7.00pm Mark Seddon RIP

Saturday 9.00am Barry Munday RIP

Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.30 – 10.30am.

RIP – Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bill Browne, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Ray Grant, Gilbert Corbett, Becky Kingston, Barry Munday, Alice Williams, Eileen Hayes, Frances Clarkson.

Anniversaries – Fr. Raymund Jones, Anne Flint, Richard Molloy, Mary Billingham, Henry Hill, James O'Shea, Patrick Brennan, Thomas Deegan, Ann Redmand, Winifred Tubb, Isobel O'Laughlin, William McCrae, John O'Malley, Maureen Rowan, Thomas Burke, Annie Wiseman, Joseph Garry, Eveline Hopkins, Elizabeth McGluckin John McCarthy, John Comer, Anne-Marie Moore, William Brennan, Celia Adams, Michael Haran, Harry Bradley, Madge Jennings, Kathleen Petherbridge, Rose Stretton, Annie-Mary Duffy, Francis Chambers, Mary Finnegan, Gordon Cook, Katherine Alford, David Boyle.

Sick List – Please pray for Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Marie Ainsworth, Babies Liam and Rory Nee, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Hughie McNaboe, Jack Holloway, Anne Donoghue, Joe Flis, John Leach, Anne Thomson, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Mary Doran, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Sr Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Rose Green, Mary Reilly, Sonia Carvell, Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Mgr Michael Buckley, Sr Sheila Phillips, Alice Hopkins, Bill Middleton, Maria Bracken, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, Patrick McClean, James Tenn-Lyn and housebound members of our parish.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main £1254-03

Johnson Association £971-11 Thank you for your generosity.

November is the Month dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory – There is the customary opportunity for you to place the names of your deceased loved ones in front of the altar to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

Catholic Today Newspaper – New edition available today, priced 50p. Includes tributes to the late Archbishop Maurice. RIP

Tea and coffee – After the 9am and 11am Masses in the Margaret Roper Room. A good opportunity to build community.

SVP – **TODAY** there is a Second Collection for the work for the poor and needy of our own parish, carried out on our behalf by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. During the last 12 months SVP members have made 350 - 400 visits to the sick and housebound. £716 has been distributed to the needy, to refugees, to tithes supporting SVP disaster projects and to our twinned conferences in India and the Sudan. Please remember that all of this work by the parish SVP is done on behalf of us all. The next SVP meeting takes place tomorrow morning (Monday) after the 9am Mass, in the Guild Room. Why not come and find out more about its work.

CJM Music – Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley will be here at St Thomas More, as part of a concert tour to launch their latest CD called *Age to Age* – a project to bridge the generation gap in Church music. Their CD includes hymns such as *Soul of my Saviour, Salve Regina and Yahweh, I know you are near*. It will be on Saturday 17th November at 7pm. It is open to all parishioners and friends. Tickets are £5-00 and are now available from Fr Timothy. To find out more about CJM's music ministry, see www.cjmmusic.com.

Parish Youth Group – Sunday 25th November is National Youth Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. As ever, we shall celebrate the faith of our young parishioners on that day. The parish Brownies and Guides will be in uniform and participate in a special way in a 'Church parade' at the 9.00am Mass on that day. Please pray for our parishioners preparing for World Youth Day.

Parish Bazaar - Friday 23rd November – 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Please keep the date free. Food and drink will be served. As of now we are looking for imaginative prizes for our Charity Auction; please bring: bottles, soft toys, good quality gifts. Home-baked cakes needed on the night. Chocolate tombola, lots of games. **Parish Bazaar Raffle Tickets are available today. Please take some.**

Justice and Peace Group – Meets tomorrow (Monday) in the Margaret Roper Room at 7.45pm. New members are welcome.

Tuesday Society – Day out in Milton Keynes. The expedition leaves at 10.00am, and returns approximately 4.15pm.

Coventry Deanery November Mass – This Tuesday (13th) at 12.10pm at St.Osburg's. All parishioners are most welcome.

Coventry Catholic Teachers' Association – Annual Requiem Mass this Tuesday (13th), 7pm at St Osburg's. All welcome.

Extend – Enjoyable, gentle exercise for older people. Thursday mornings, 10.00am, in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Journey in Faith – continues this Thursday at 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church, Bishopton Close, Mound Nod. All welcome.

Stepping Stones – The Parents and Toddlers parish-based group meets in the Margaret Roper Room (in church) on Friday lunchtimes from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. All welcome. A good opportunity to meet other parents and become part of the parish.

Christian Aid Soup Lunch – This Saturday (17th), 11.45am – 1.45pm at Quinton Park Baptist Church. All welcome.

Mass of Thanksgiving for all those involved in Church Music – to be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Sunday 18th November. Rehearsal 2.30 pm, Break 4.30 pm; Mass 5.30 pm. Music for everyone, of all abilities, from plainsong to contemporary pieces. Music is available and can be acquired if need be. For further details on this Mass or other events for Church musicians throughout the diocese, please see the website at www.abcm.org.uk

Help for the Helpers – A support group starting in the parish for people with memory problems and those who care for them. Do you need advice, support, someone to talk to. The next meeting will be on Monday 26th November at 6.30pm in the Margaret Roper Room. If you would like more information, in confidence, please phone Bernie on 76 417508, or speak to one of the clergy.

Parish Shop – Parish Christmas cards now available – do consider spreading the Gospel by sending religious cards this year. Also, items for Advent, various religious books, 2008 diaries, booklets and holy pictures, as well as Fairtrade items to buy. Why not pop in! Please consider that where other shops sell religious Christmas cards, they will only continue to stock them if people buy them.

Coventry Deanery Mass for Vocations – The Mass will be held on the evening of **Monday 26th November** at Sacred Heart Church, Harefield Road, Stoke, Coventry. All parishioners are most welcome. Now an annual event, we are encouraged to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life, especially from within the parishes of this great city with such a strong Catholic history. We can also pray for Edward Cerowski, from our parish, who has begun his studies for the priesthood, in Spain. We continue to remember in our prayers our students for the priesthood from the past two summers: Craig Szmidt and Michael Glover at Oscott.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008 – Please give your details to Fr Timothy as soon as possible, together with the name and age of your child, and the programme he / she wishes to follow in the coming year.

Schools Vouchers – Your collection of supermarket vouchers for use by St Thomas More School would be much appreciated.

St Osburg's Church Bicentenary – Friday 7th December at 6pm. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Vincent, and clergy and

representatives from various Benedictine communities connected with the parish over the years. All welcome to this special Mass.

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