

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Parish Child Protection Representatives –**

**Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)**

**Mr. Malcolm Pollard (Tel. 7641 3011)**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! ~ I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know Me. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Kathleen Staines (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Sheila Coogan (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** Thomas and June Deegan

## Next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A)

**9.00am** Hugh Berrill

**11.00am** Mary Alwill

**6.00pm** Thomas Norris

## Masses This Week

**Monday 9.00am** John Conway RIP

**Tuesday 9.15am** Bert Marren RIP

**Wednesday 9.00am** Ints of Tony Baldwin (sick)

**Thursday 9.00am** Ints of Leon Craven (sick)

**Friday 9.00am** Joseph & Margaret Hussey (Anniv.)

**Saturday 9.00am** John Cooney (Anniv.)

**7.00pm** Theresa Brooks (Anniv.)

**7.00pm** Ints of Laura Smallwood (sick)

**7.00pm** In thanksgiving for all Carers

**7.00pm** James & Maureen McCormack

**7.00pm** Mary Keenan RIP

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 9.30am to 10.30am today.**

**RIP** – Liz Parrott, Theresa Duignan, Lee Simmons, Malachy Ryan, Jeff Blackwell, Violet Crofts, Patrick Nixon, Daphne Lister.

**Anniversaries** – Fr. Patrick Downey, Damien O'Malley, Teresa Griffin, Edith Buckley, Vincent Waterson, John Armour, Margaret O'Sullivan, Michael McQuade, Bridget Garry, Raymond Madgett, Edward Smith, Willian Dempsey, Michael Harrington, Derrick Corner, Theresa Brooks, Francis Fletcher, Constance Hessian, Winifred Coward, Joyce Sacre, Joy Cully, Leonard Pearson, Hugh Gallagher, Freda Durnier, Thomas Woods, Helen Aspel, Lucinda Celtic, Baarty Brennan, Hugh Murray, Beatrice Spooner, Arrack Sawmy, John Donovan, James McCormack, Reg Nellthorp, Patrick Feehan, Molly O'Reilly, Rose Pallett, Laurence Ryan, Peter O'Sullivan, John Hanlon, Thomas Rhodes, Audrey Colligan, John Cooney, Margaret Upham, Patrick Treacy, John Robinson, Theresa Poole.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Rev. Tony Colby, Fr Louis Purcell, Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, John Leach, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley,

Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, Rose Green, Jack Holloway, Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Hughie McNaboe, Mary Doran, Anne Donoghue, Anne Thomson, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Alice Hopkins, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Bill Middleton, Sr. Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Sr Sheila Phillips, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Mary Jones, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, Rachel Hankin, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Tony Armstrong, Vincent Rutter, Warren Luyt, Matthew Plant, Geraldine Batley, Laura Smallwood, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Tommy Wainwright, Annie Murphy, Tina Larque, Veronica Grimshaw,

William Mullen, Edna Bevins and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collection: £1172-77** Thank you for your generosity.

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Following the Gospel on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, it is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. There will be a Second Collection for the Priests Training Fund. But most of all, it is a day of special prayer for all those who are presently training for the Priesthood for our diocese, or for the priesthood around our country and throughout the world.

**Priests Training Fund** – In addition to today's Second Collection, there are other ways of supporting the training of priests. There is a monthly envelope scheme that simply involves placing your contribution in a special envelope and putting the envelope in the collection bags. Alternatively, you may wish to make a one-off donation, or set up a Standing Order. The Priests Training Fund also invites you to consider remembering the future provision for the training of priests, when making your will. If you wish to know any more information about the Priests Training Fund, our parish organiser is Mrs Winnie Gallagher – Tel. 76 411227. Thank you.

**Please take a Vocations Prayer card today, and say a prayer each day for the name of the seminarian or candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. We continue to pray for our parishioner, Edward Cerowski, who is studying for the Priesthood.**

**Tea and coffee** – After the 9am and 11am Masses, in the Margaret Roper Room today. All parishioners and visitors welcome.

**Parish Young Adults' Group** – meets again **today** after 6pm Mass in the Margaret Roper Room. Shared table – all welcome.

**Parish Youth Group** - meets next Sunday after the 6pm Mass. Margaret Roper Room. Year 6 and above now welcome.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** – helping and visiting those in need in our community. Meeting tomorrow (Mon) after 9am Mass.

**Tuesday Society** - PC Walters will talk about Safety at Home. Everyone is welcome in the Margaret Roper Room, 2 pm - 4 pm.

**Extend** – meets this Thursday at 10.00am in the MRR. Gentle, seated, exercise for older people. All welcome.

**Christian Aid Soup Lunch** – This Saturday, 11.45am to 1.45pm at West Orchard URC, The Chesils. All welcome. This is an occasional venture promoted by South Coventry Christian Churches. Delicious homemade soups, Fairtrade stall etc.

**The Journey of Faith programme** will continue this Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church. All welcome.

**Parish Day of Exposition and Prayer for Vocations** – Thank you to members of our church and school communities for the many ways in which you participated in our day of prayer. Michael Glover and Craig Szmids enjoyed returning to the parish.

**Oscott College Presents: *Singing Seminarians: An Evening of Assorted Music*** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5. For more details or to book tickets, please contact [tickets@oscott.org](mailto:tickets@oscott.org). All proceeds to the charities *Right to Life* and *Cenacolo*

**Good Shepherd Mass** – This annual Mass celebrates the fundraising achievements of our schools in Lenten charity projects, on behalf of the Fr Hudson's Society. There was one Mass for the diocese, but as it has proved more popular, there are various celebrations taking place this year. There is one this Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>) at Holy Family Church, Holbrooks, at 1.30pm.

**The Sacrament of the Eucharist** – Children from our school and wider parish community will make their First Holy Communion over the next two Sundays, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April at the 11am Mass. Please pray for them. All parishioners are welcome.

**Newman Association** – On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Bishop William Kenney will be speaking at the Chaplaincy at the University of Warwick. His theme will be 'Migration, from a European Perspective'. This is an area of some expertise for him, as he has worked for Caritas Europe for many years (the organisational branch of CAFOD) and parishioners are very welcome to attend this talk, which forms part of the Newman Association's series of talks on issues of Justice and Peace. Refreshments from 7pm. Talk: 7.45pm.

**Memory Support Group** – The next meeting of this parish group will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the MRR.

**Parish Fete & Feast Day of St Thomas More – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008** – Please keep this date free The next planning meeting for the Fete will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. We are looking for groups of 5 or 6 adults (maybe groups of friends) to take on the running of a stall between them for the afternoon. An early request for anybody who might be able to offer raffle prizes, tickets to events, prizes offered by employers, and other attractive experiences will be most gratefully received.

**Jim Bailey Family Show** - 'The best kids show for grown ups' at St Martin's Church, Green Lane, Finham, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. Parishioners from St Thomas More are warmly invited to this event. Costs £4. For further details, see [jimbailey.org](http://jimbailey.org).

**CELEBRATE** – *The Catholic Family Holiday Conference – Faith and Fun* – will be held at Princethorpe College on the Bank Holiday Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May. For more details and how to book, please see: [www.celebrateconference.org/heartofengland](http://www.celebrateconference.org/heartofengland).

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – This year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It will be led by Archbishop Vincent. Although we shall not be organising a coach from our parish this year, there is likely to be interest from other parishes, and shared transport should be possible. Please let one of the clergy know if you would like to join another group.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2008** – The final payment for those booked to go this Spring Bank Holiday is £250 due today, please.

**Re:Act Diocesan Youth Festival** – to be held at Oscott College from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June. Organised by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service, this event is open to Year 10+ aged students. Accommodation will be camping, and there will be many and varied activities during the weekend. Now is the time for young people from our parish to get together and think about going. so if you would like to be considered for a place, please speak to Fr Timothy as soon as possible, and find out more about the event.

**Help Needed:** There is a need for large marquees for this event. Does anybody have any contacts in this department / low cost etc.?

**Vouchers for Schools** – Many thanks for the vouchers received so far. Please keep them coming. They are all appreciated.