

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year (C)

October 14th 2007



Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Joan Hope RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm David Walsh (Anniv.)

Next Sunday (Twenty-ninth Sunday of Year C)

9.00am Sheila Fegan RIP

11.00am Ints of Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

6.00pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses

Monday **11.00am** Funeral Mass for Agnes McGroarty **7.00pm** Ints of James Coughlan and Helen Cryan (Marriage)

Tuesday **9.15am** Frank Finnegan (Anniv.) **7.00pm** Mary Smith

Wednesday **9.00am** Ints of Teresa Johnson (sick) **7.00pm** Ciarán McCarron RIP

Thursday **9.00am** Ints of Joseph Freeman (sick) **7.00pm** Mass for Healthcare workers (Ints of Sick and Housebound parishioners)

Friday **9.00am** Ints of Dolores Hackett (sick) **No Evening Mass today.**

Saturday **9.00am** Eileen Butler RIP *Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.30 – 10.30am.*

12 noon – Marriage of James Coughlan and Helen Cryan

RIP – Janet Lavelle, Sylvia Jenkins, Mark Seddon, Fr John Bale, Joe Kendall, Agnes McGroarty, Ciaran McCarron, David Conry.

Anniversaries:- Bp. Michael Glancy, Canon William Withers, Mgr. Bernard O'Connor, Michael Brogan, Fintan Cowan, Ellen Gallagher, Margaret McHugh, Francis Finnegan, Henrietta Shadforth, Christiana Mason, Peter Dargon, Jeremiah Desmond, Edmund Cerowski, Bill Neale, Julia Lee, George Dodds, Meliad McEntee, Nicholas Lennon, Tony Conneely, Tommy McFadden, Dorothy Bromidge, Patrick Fearon, Catherine Burns, Frederick Palmer, Elizabeth Wilday, Austin Quirke, Adolf Waalkkewicz, William Mahoney, Kenneth Mitts, Bridget Boyd, Isobel Crilly, Thomas Flavell, Patrick Brogan, Mary Burton, Michael Thornhill, Doris Pyle, Francis Smart, Samuel Mayne, Eileen Winter, Zygmunt Branski, Daisy Smith, Rose McMurray, Jack Knight, Mary Murphy, Walter Bell, Ronald Sharpe.

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, Barry Munday, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, 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, Ruby Wilson, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Sr Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Rose Green, 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, Bill Browne, Sonia Carvell, Marlene Hubbard, Patrick McLean, Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, and housebound members of our parish.

Last Sunday's Collections: *Main* £1120-75 *CAFOD Fast Day* £1410-06 Thank you for your generosity.

Please note that there will be no Second Collection next Sunday. It will be replaced by an appeal on Sunday 28th October.

Today the children of Year 2 are enrolled for the programmes that will lead them to the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist.

Youth Group – Meets again this evening in the Margaret Roper Room after the 6pm Mass. Year 7 and above most welcome.

Coventry Half Marathon – Next Sunday. Thank you to all those who have sponsored Fr Timothy and the 10 parishioners who are running the 13.1 miles next Sunday, to help raise the target of £17,000 to send 10 young parishioners to World Youth Day.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary – The rosary is prayed at the statue of Our Lady of Coventry, Priory Grounds to the left of Coventry Cathedral, every Friday in October at 1.40pm. All welcome. The Mysteries of Light (instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2002) and concentrating on some of the aspects of Christ's own life and ministry are: (1) his Baptism in the Jordan, (2) his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion, (4) his Transfiguration, and finally, (5) his institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery.

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

Catholic Today Diocesan Newspaper – Available today, priced 50p. Please take a copy for each household.

Parish Bazaar - Friday 23rd November. Please keep the date free. The next planning meeting will be on Wednesday 7th Nov. As last year, we are looking for imaginative prizes for our Charity Auction, teddies and chocolate for the respective tombolas, and a special request to young people of the parish (but not exclusively the young!) to bake cakes for the parish bazaar. Do get thinking!

Tuesday Society –. This week's entertainment is a Quiz by Harry Davenport. 2pm – 4pm. Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Extend – Wellbeing and movement to music for older people. Thursday at 10am in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Mass for Healthcare Workers of the Parish – This Thursday (18th) at 7.00pm here in church. This Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist, who is the Patron Saint of Doctors, Physicians and Surgeons. Fr Michael Brandon from All Souls Parish (and former Chaplain at Walsgrave Hospital) will preach at this Mass. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

Journey in Faith – Continues this Thursday evening at 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church, Bishopton Road, Mount Nod.

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.

Parish Shop – Yuletide cards now available – do consider spreading the Gospel by sending religious cards this year. Also, candles and calendars for Advent, various religious books, booklets and holy pictures, as well as Fairtrade items to buy. Why not pop in!

Andrew Robison Young People's Trust – The Charitable Trust set up in member of a young parishioner, Andrew Robinson, continues to bring happiness into young people's lives. Each year, dozens of children are taken to Alton Castle and Drayton Manor Park. Along with grants made to help other children it all takes money. Do you think you can help Frank & Irene Ennis, the Trust's new fund raising organisers? If you have a little time or ideas to offer please let Fr Timothy know. The latest Annual Report & Accounts of The Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust are displayed on the notice board. Thank you for your support.

Faith Academy – Are you aged 16 – 18? Would you like to spend three weekends between now and the summer at Soli House, deepening your understanding of your faith, meeting other young Catholics, and growing in confidence in living out your faith? Please speak to Fr Timothy if you would like to know more about this exciting new programme being run by Soli House in Stratford.

Sunday 4th November – the 9am Mass will be animated by the Children of Year 3, preparing for the Sacraments; The 11am Mass on that day will be a Mass of Remembrance and Prayer for those who have been bereaved in the past year.

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.

St Thomas More Parish hosts a day on Music and Liturgy – The Society of St Gregory which promotes good music and liturgy in the Church, is an organisation which publishes a quarterly magazine called *Music and Liturgy*. It runs a Summer School (last summer in Whitby, next year at Worth Abbey), and it now holds an Annual James Crichton Memorial Lecture. You might be familiar with the name 'James Crichton' as his photo is on the Sanctuary in our church, because he donated our present Processional Cross to Cotton College. He was a priest of our Diocese who was an enthusiast for pastoral liturgy and enabling the People of God to understand the Mass, the Prayer of the Church and the Sacraments. This year, the annual lecture is going to be held here, and all parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend. The title of the talk will be: ***Liturgy and Ecumenism – Can Christians Still Pray Together?*** It will be given by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, a priest of the Diocese of Northampton, and somebody who has much experience at a pastoral level, in liturgy, ecumenism and education. The talk will be in the Margaret Roper Room, and then there will be a celebration of Evening Prayer, in church. There will be people coming from around the country, and not only would it be good for parishioners to be here to welcome visitors, but also to share in the day, if you are able. **Saturday 10th November.** The lecture is at 2.15pm. To find out more about the Society and its work, previous summer schools and future events: www.ssg.org.uk.

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. To book tickets, phone CJM on 01675 466254, or you can pay on the evening itself.