

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)  
December 16th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –  
Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)  
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**Responsorial Psalm:** Come, Lord, and save us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
He has sent Me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Ints of Marie Ainsworth

**11.00am** James Burke (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** Ints of John Noonan and Emily Coulson (Marriage)

## Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

**9.00am** Jim Brennan RIP

**11.00am** Kathleen Edwards (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** James Walsh RIP

## Weekday Masses (Please note various time changes this week)

**Monday 9.00am** Thomas James Jackson

**7.00pm Partnership Mass** For our Young Parishioners

**Tuesday 9.15am** Mary Porter RIP

**6.15pm Reception of Mrs Patricia Roger RIP**

**6.20pm Barry Munday RIP**

**Wednesday 10.00am Funeral Mass for Patricia Roger**

**7.00pm** Ray Grant RIP

**Thursday 9.00am** Nora McHale RIP

**6.45pm** Tim Healy RIP followed by Advent Penance Service

**Friday 9.00am** Ints of Kitty Ward

**7.00pm** Mary Bromwich RIP

**Saturday 9.00am** David McKenzie RIP

*Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 9.30 – 10.30am.*

**RIP** – Joe Flis, Constance Mary Wassall, Patricia Roger, Bill Browne, Ray Grant, Fr Hugh Molloy.

**Anniversaries** – Fr. Daniel O'Connor, Christina Cheevers, Frances Green, Patricia Gallagher, Thomas Jones, Philip Brady, John Craig, Arthur Mahon, James McDonnell, Mary Porter, Maureen Archer, Sydney McSorley, Elizabeth Mundy, Molly O'Donnell, Lila O'Sullivan, Richard O'Callaghan, Frederick McGovern, Bernard Hawkins, Mary Etherington, Michael Kelleher, Cecil Gardner, Edwin Palmer, Nancy Cresswell, Thomas McAvaddy, Jeremiah Lynch, Ann Goode, Mary Byrne, James Jenkins, Joseph Alderson, Annie Dillon, Emma Worley, Alice Bradley, Bernard Smith, Francis Berry, Jean Rock.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Marie Ainsworth, Liam and Rory Nee, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, Rose Green,

Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Hughie McNaboe, Jack Holloway, Anne Donoghue, 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, Mary Reilly, Sonia Carvell, Dennis Kelly,

Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Sr Sheila Phillips, Alice Hopkins, Bill Middleton, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Mary Jones, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, James Tenn-Lyn, Rachel Hankin, Barbara Mattock, Joan Harbourne, the present needs of the Barnes-Heath family and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collections:** Main £1110-61

Poor Parishes £716-18 Thank you for your generosity.

**Tea and coffee** – After the 9am and 11am Masses in the Margaret Roper Room. Sale of small gifts last Sunday raised £21-60.

**The Season of Advent** - We conclude our *Partnership Masses* here tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7pm. As is customary, for the final Mass of each season, refreshments will be served.; *Evening Prayer* this evening at 5pm in church; we continue to sing the *Salve Regina* (the Latin original of the Hail Holy Queen) at all Sunday Masses in place of the Hail Mary. During the season of Advent, when we can easily think of all that we want rather than need we shall focus on CAFOD's *livesimply* campaign. We shall pray the *Livesimply* prayer at Sunday Masses:

**LiveSimply Prayer:** *Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty.*

*Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.*

*Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight.*

*Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.*

*God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.*

*Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen.*

**Catholic Today** – The new edition of the Diocesan Newspaper is available today, priced 50pence. Please take a copy home.

**SVP** – Meets tomorrow morning (Monday) after the 9am Mass. All welcome, praying for, visiting and helping those in most need.

**Young Adults of the Parish** – We propose to start a group where young adults, especially those new to our community, can feel part of the parish and welcomed to it. There will be a social gathering **this evening** after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room. If you are new to the parish, or if you have lived here all your life and fall into the ‘young adult’ bracket, please come.

**Partnership Masses** – Tomorrow evening, here at 7pm. Exposition from 6pm and Evening Prayer at 6.40. Come if you can.

**Parish Penance Service – This Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.** Make this Christmas special, for all the right reasons! Please try to come to this service. There will be several priests here. Last confessions before Christmas: Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am.

**Extend** – has now finished for the term. The next session will be on 17<sup>th</sup> January. For further details, please call Roy on 76 414887.

**Journey in Faith** – has now finished for the term and will resume in January.

**Altar Servers** – Any servers who are available are most welcome to come to Sunday Evening Prayer at 5pm, and the Monday evening Partnership Mass at 7pm Also, please note the special parish Mass to celebrate the ministry of altar servers on St Stephen’s Day (26<sup>th</sup> December) at 11.00am in Church. All altar servers, their families and parishioners are welcome.

**Walk With Me** Podcast to support the current programme of prayer is available at [www.cjmmusic.com](http://www.cjmmusic.com). Do download it!

**Giving Something Back** – *How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?* Psalm 116.

**Parish Bazaar Charities** – Donations from this year’s bazaar have been sent to the Andrew Robinson Young People’s Trust and Open Hands, the project run in Stoney Road for rehabilitation for those living with alcoholism. Both charities thank you for this.

**Coming Home for Christmas** – Who could you invite back to church this Christmas? [www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk](http://www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk).

**Christmas Stamps** – Please collect stamps at this time of year. They can be processed for charity, by being placed in the box under the statue of St Thomas More in the main church porch. Thank you to those who have deposited stamps there in the past.

**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.

**Gospel of St Matthew** – As we have entered Year A, the Year of Matthew, why not buy a copy of this Gospel for the year ahead?

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Directory 2008** – Now available in the Parish Shop.

**Christmas Mass Times at St Thomas More** – *Please note last confessions before Christmas as given in notice above.*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** (Normal times: 9am, 11am, 6pm); **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December** 9.00am only;

**Christmas Day** First Mass of Christmas begins at MIDNIGHT (with carols and readings from 11.15pm);

Masses on Christmas morning are at 7.30am, 9.00am and 11.00am. **Please note there is no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December** (Feast of St Stephen, Patron of Altar Servers) Mass at 11.00am only;

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** (Feast of St John the Evangelist) **& Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December** (Feast of the Holy Innocents): Mass at 11.00am only.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** (Feast of St Thomas Becket) **& Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December** (Feast of the Holy Family): Normal Mass times resume.

**Christmas Dinner** – If you will be on your own this Christmas – an individual or a couple, no matter in what circumstances - Fr David Keniry is hosting a Christmas lunch at the Ark of the Covenant, 110 Potters Green Road, Coventry, and invites you to join him. He will celebrate Mass at 11am, and lunch will be at 1pm. If you would like to go, just let him know on 76 604144, or speak to Fr Timothy or one of the deacons, and they will let him know you wish to go. Please take up this invitation. It is open to everybody.

**Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley** – *The Promise* Christmas Concert – St Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 8pm. For further details and to book tickets, please go to [www.cjmmusic.com](http://www.cjmmusic.com) or telephone 01675 466254.

**The Emperor’s New Clothes** – based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at West Orchard United Reformed Church, the Chesils. Presented by the Saltmine and Slingshot Theatre companies. Tickets £5 from 76 419466.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2008** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2008, under the leadership of Bishop William Kenney. For further details, see the notice on the board outside the Side Chapel. Early booking is recommended to guarantee a place.

[Home Is a Holy Place.org.uk](http://HomeIsaHolyPlace.org.uk)

[Livesimply.org.uk](http://Livesimply.org.uk)

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