

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

November 18<sup>th</sup> 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man, Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** David Boyle (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Ints of Mary Burke

**5.55pm** Reception into church of Alice Williams RIP

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Next Sunday ( Christ the King, Year C)

**9.00am** Winifred Perry and Lauren Preece (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Pat Lawlor (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Weekday Masses (NB.No Evening Mass on Monday; Earlier Evening Mass on Friday)

**Monday 9.00am** In thanksgiving (Lucas)

**11.00am** Funeral Service for Alice Williams No Evening Mass today

**Tuesday 9.15am** Ints of Kelly & Whelan families  
RIP

**7.00pm** Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville

**Wednesday 9.00am** Ints of Elizabeth Garry (50<sup>th</sup> birthday)

**7.00pm** Edna Horton (Anniv.)

**Thursday 9.00am** John Dempsey (Anniv.)

**7.00pm** Mary Slattery RIP

**Friday 9.00am** Holy Souls

**6.30pm** Margaret Stone (Anniv.)

**Saturday 9.00am** Don Meacham RIP

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

**RIP** – Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Fr William Boyle, Rabbi Leonard Tann, Bill Browne, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Ray Grant, Gilbert Corbett, Becky Kingston, Barry Munday, Alice Williams, Eileen Hayes, Frances Clarkson, Tony Montague, Benjamin Cottrell.

**Anniversaries** – Canon Philip Coyne, Abp. John McIntyre, John Brookes, Jessica Pinches, Amelia de Longhi, John Hynes, Mary Birch, Tony Griffin, Paddy Grey, Kathleen Sturman, John Murray, Maureen Winston, Margaret McNaney, Ronald Darby, William Brennan, John Gould, Zigmunt Stanton, Baby Joseph Piper, Roseanne McCormack, Phyllis McDonnell, Margaret Nannicini, Michael Mitchell, Karen Magennis, John Thornhill, Francis McConville (jnr), Eileen Doyle, Mary Thornhill, Annie Dillon,

Mary Slattery, Elizabeth Keogan, Eric Tough, Bridget Flanagan, Sophie Jenkins, Margaret Lamb, Karl Doris, John Ford, Margaret Stone, Alexander McLoughlin, Bridget Connor, Sarah Carlin, David Logie, Lauren Preece, Michael Duffy, Dolores Deeley.

**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 £1034-83      Second Collection for Parish SVP £916-96      Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next Sunday will be for the work of the Catholic Youth Services.

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

**Mass of Thanksgiving for all those involved in Church Music** – to be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, **TODAY** 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.abcm.org.uk)

**Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's Year. It is the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also celebrated by the Church as National Youth Sunday.** 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 invite young members of your families to come to Mass. *The Parish Youth Group (Year 7+ meets this evening in the MRR).*

**Parish Bazaar - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 6.30pm – 9.00pm.** Please keep the evening free. Food and drink – hot and cold - will be served. 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, Santa's Grotto, Bottle Stall, and an occasion to gather as a parish family. **Parish Bazaar Raffle Tickets are available today. Please take some and return the stubs with money in the coming days, either to school or to the Presbytery. Setting up for the bazaar will be from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Thursday.**

**Coventry Deanery Mass for Vocations** – The Mass will be held at **7pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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. The Main Celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop William Kenney and this year's Confirmation candidates are specially invited.

**Funeral Rites for Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville** – Monday – Wednesday this week, all in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. If you wish to take part, you are being directed to the Reception of the Body and Evening Prayer tomorrow (Monday) at **4pm**; or a Mass with Diocesan Secondary Schools on Tuesday at **12.15pm**, or a Vigil Mass on Tuesday at **7pm**. RIP.

**Thank You** – During the past week, several hundred children from around the city have visited our church as part of a faith exhibition, learning about Christianity and Catholicism. It has been a good exercise in evangelisation, particularly speaking to children who have never been inside a church before. Thank you to those who were part of the week, and who helped in any way.

**Happy Birthday** to Elizabeth Garry who celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this week, and our best wishes to her parents Jack and Sheila.

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm, MRR. All welcome. This week, Mr Tew will offer the participants 'Humorous Verses'.

**Newman Association** – This Tuesday, 7.45pm, MRR. Jenny Banks Bryer speaks on 'Religion, Science and the Environment'.

**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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Bicentenary of the restored Catholic community in Coventry** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at **6pm**. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Vincent, and clergy and representatives from various Benedictine communities connected with the parish over the years. All parishioners are welcome, and particularly those whose families have any connection with the Mother Church of Coventry.

**Advent Retreat Day** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am to 4.30pm here at St Thomas More. All parishioners & friends welcome.

**Advent in St Thomas More Parish** – During the Season of Advent, we do not sing the Gloria at Sunday Masses, saving it for the joyful proclamation of the angels to the Shepherds at Bethlehem. Features of the Season of Advent in our parish will be: Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5.00pm each Sunday. We shall also focus on CAFOD's ongoing theme: *livesimply*. In addition, we shall replace the *Hail Mary* during the Bidding Prayers, with the singing of the *Salve Regina* throughout Advent. Translation below.

***Hail, holy Queen Mother of Mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate,***

**thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

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