

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

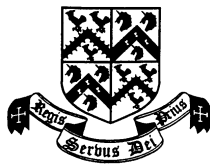
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Ninth Sunday of (Year A)

June 1st 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

Mr. Malcolm Pollard (Tel. 7641 3011)

Responsorial Psalm: Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves Me he will keep My word,
and My Father well love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Monica Cerowski RIP

11.00am Ernest Cairns (Anniv.)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Tenth Sunday of the Year, A)

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Marie Ainsworth RIP

6.00pm Edna Bevins RIP

Masses This Week (Please note changes this week, and see important note overleaf about weekday Masses)

Monday 9.00am John Ross RIP

Tuesday 9.15am William Mullen RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Colm Maguire RIP

Thursday 9.00am Ints of Tony Armstrong **6.55pm Reception into Church of Mr Thomas Bailey RIP** **7.00pm** Lee Simmons

Friday 11.00am Funeral Mass for Mr Thomas Bailey **7.00pm** Vincent Rutter RIP

Saturday 9.00am Katie Bates RIP followed by Exposition and Confessions until 10.30am and then Day of Reflection

No Evening Mass today

7.00pm Ints of Ciaran Langford & Laura Smith (Marriage)

7.00pm In thanksgiving (Poole)

RIP – Edna Bevins, Thomas Bailey, Vincent Rutter, Ken Pickett, Angela Poole-Chivers, Edward Kavanagh, Margaret O'Shea, Stephen Timbrell, William Mullen, Noreen McLeod, Aileen Clifford, Geraldine Batley, Jason Venezia, Miriam McGuinness.

Anniversaries:- Fr. John Lane, Fr. Benedict Tarbuck, Daniel McCarthy, Rodney Callwood, Nellie Thompson, Ernest Cairns, Roseann Audahl, Teresa Renella, Arthur Pears, Michael McDermott, Michael Brittain, Ellen Cullinane, Mildred Jackson, Gwladys Nathan, Arthur Henton, Gilbert Turvey, Edward McGennis, Lily Gallagher, Edgar Parrott, Francis McConville, Jean Dodd, Henry Guise Patrick Higgins, Agnes Dixon, John Keegan, Thomas Lawler, Phyllis Lovat, Esther Carlin, Margaret Palmese, Billy Clark, Bridget Daley, Agnes Ostick, John Ward, Sr. Mary Conception Ward, Theresa Delves, Peter McGovern, Bridget Sweeney, Jane Quill, Mary Newbold, Maireade McMenemy, Jim Donnelly, Damian Gunde.

Sick List – Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Rev. Tony Colby, Fr Louis Purcell, Fr Anthony Fraaney, Ian Crawley, Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, John Leach, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Ann Brown, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley, 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, Esme Pain, Warren Luyt, 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, Sr Sheila Phillips, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Mary Jones, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Tony Armstrong, Matthew Plant, Laura Smallwood, Tina Larque, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, Teresa Johnson, David Gormal, PJ Barrett, Joan Gardner, Norman Arnold, Liz Ferguson and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main **£1044-14** Xaverian Mission Appeal **£725-00** Thank you for your generosity.

Recent WYD Car Wash £600 plus a donation of £200. Thank you for your support for this ongoing fundraising.

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

Parish Youth Group – meets this evening after the 6pm Mass. Anybody wishing to take part in the forthcoming BCYS It's a Knockout competition needs to bring their completed application / consent form and deposit to this evening's gathering.

Young Adults Group – meets after the 6pm Mass next Sunday. A new group in the parish. Newcomers are very welcome.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm, Margaret Roper Room. This week, a celebration of Marjorie Vincent's 90th birthday. All welcome.

Extend – meets this Thursday at 10.00am in the Margaret Roper Room. Gentle seated exercises to music. All welcome.

Parish Fete – Sunday 22nd June – Thank you to all who have offered prizes and practical help for the fete.

There will be the usual need for help in setting up the day before the fete and on the morning itself; people who will also make the sacrifice of staying behind after the fete to clear up – not an enviable task, but always very much appreciated.

Every family is asked to consider donating something to the fete: bottles, homemade cakes, plants, good quality gifts and so on.

One of the features of this year's fete is a **balloon race**. In the weeks leading up to the fete, there will be an opportunity to buy a balloon. They will be released on the day of the fete, and the one that reaches the furthest distance and is responded to wins the prize.

Raffle tickets for the fete are being given out at Masses today, and will be distributed in the primary school in the coming week. Please do all you can to sell the tickets as the raffle is a major source of income to the fete. Please return them as soon as you can.

Euro 2008 Football Competition – Completed forms should be returned to the presbytery this Thursday, please.

You Shall Receive Power (Acts 1:8): Unveiling Jesus' Master Plan for our Transformation. This Tuesday, 3rd June, at 7pm. Fr Thaddeus Doyle (The Curate's Diary); Mass included. Venue: Ss Mary & Benedict Church, Raglan Street, Hillfields. All welcome.

Day of Prayer and Reflection on the Book of Daniel – here at St Thomas More **this Saturday** (7th June) from 10.30am. Led by Tony Hickey. *The prophecies of the Book of Daniel are remarkably appropriate to the Present Day.*

Coventry Deanery Corpus Christi Procession – takes place **next Sunday** (8th June). A special invitation is extended children who made their First Holy Communion this year. The procession will begin at the ruins of the Whitefriars Monastery at the end of the London Road at 3pm and process to the site of Charterhouse Carthusian Monastery for prayers and Benediction. All welcome.

Weekday Masses – Please note that for the month of June, Mgr Gavin and Fr Timothy will be celebrating occasional Masses at St John Vianney Parish on weekdays. Fr Jonathan has taken a planned one-month sabbatical to continue his restoration to better health following a diagnosis earlier this year of a sleep disorder and related breathing difficulties. The occasions where there is no evening Mass here do not necessarily denote an evening Mass there. Thank you for your understanding on this matter of collaboration.

Race for Life – Next Sunday, a number of parishioners will be running the race for life in memory of Marie Ainsworth. They will be at all Masses with Pink Buckets raising money for charities that research cures for cancer. You are invited to support them.

Coventry Cathedral Chapel of Unity - Prayers this Wednesday at **8.00am** will be led by the Newman Association. All welcome.

CAFOD Temporary Job Vacancy – Manager of the Birmingham Diocesan CAFOD Office, working with a team and promoting Cafod's work in schools and parishes. Cover for Maternity Leave until April 2009. Details at www.cafod.org/jobs/uk.

Fathers Day – Sunday 15th June – The 11am Mass will be a joint parish and primary school Mass. All parishioners welcome.

Presentation of Diocesan Awards – Wednesday 25th June at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to this celebration which will be a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, recognising charitable work done by many people around our diocese. We congratulate Mandy Kelly, Claire Rutter and Mary Hulme on receiving this award in recognition of over 25 years each of service to leading Brownies and Guides in our parish. We shall be taking a coach to St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to celebrate the occasion.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Staffordshire – Fr Philip Newbold invites you to celebrate the annual pilgrimage and blessing of the sick. It takes place on Sunday 6th July, and there are lists at the church doors to express your interest in going on a coach for this. Led by Bishop David McGough. All welcome.

Vouchers for Schools – Many thanks for the vouchers received so far. Please continue to give us any vouchers you have.

The Friends of the Poor Clares at Baddesley Clinton invite you to their Coffee Morning this Saturday (7th June) from 10am to 12 noon. The Poor Clares are contemplative religious women in our diocese who dedicate themselves to prayer. The Friends help the Sisters through fundraising. The day will take place at the Convent, Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0DD.

Quiet Days with Spiritual Accompaniment – Princethorpe Retreat and Conference Centre. Thursday 19th June from 10.30am to 4.30pm. An opportunity for time, space and peace, and the chance to talk confidentially Light lunch provided. Tel. 07901 858687.

Re:Act Diocesan Youth Festival – to be held at Oscott College from 27th to 29th 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.