

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

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**Responsorial Psalm:** May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! ~ Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!"

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Hugh Berrill  
**11.00am** Mary Alwill  
**6.00pm** Thomas Norris

## Next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A)

**9.00am** Jeff Blackwell RIP  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**6.00pm** Andrew Robinson (Anniv.)

## Masses This Week (Please note changes on Wednesday and Friday evenings)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Tom Ryan	<b>7.00pm</b> Beatrice Spooner (Anniv.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Eileen Hayes	<b>7.00pm</b> Teresa Poole & Deceased of Gaughan family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Joan Hope RIP	<b>6.30pm</b> Mary Canning RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Bill Browne RIP	<b>7.00pm</b> Eileen Murphy RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Ints of Teresa Mellon (sick)	<b>No Evening Mass here today.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Ann Marie Brogan	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am to 10.30am.</i> <b>No Confessions today.</b>

**RIP** – Liz Parrott, Theresa Duignan, Leon Simmons, Malachy Ryan, Jeff Blackwell, Violet Crofts, Patrick Nixon, Daphne Lister, Marlene Hubbard, Kenneth Spiller.

**Anniversaries:-** Fr. Hugh Griffith, Fr. Peter Dennison, Fr. Martin Conboy, Fr. Patrick Taylor, Fr. Joseph Hickson, Ellen John, William Harnett, Michael Reilly, Margaret McFadden, Patrick Weir, John Kerr, Hilary Evans, Rita McCouville, Mary Crowe, Renato Paolone, Elizabeth Mallibrand, Grace Cairns, Alice Kane, William Morrell, Mary Bourke, Elizabeth Teesdale, Mary Warnock, Barry McElvenny, David Martin, Frederick Phipps, Sarah O'Donnell, Ada Gamble, Frank Dempsey, Thomas McGinty, Ann Brogan, Esther McLoughlin, Philip Maguire, Nykola Kowalkczuk.

**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, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Tony Armstrong, Vincent Rutter, Warren Luyt, Matthew Plant, Geraldine Batley, Laura Smallwood, Esme Pain, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Tommy Wainwright, Annie Murphy, Tina Larque, Veronica Grimshaw, William Mullen, Edna Bevins, Teresa Johnson, Aileen Clifford and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collections:** Main **£1265-41** Priests Training Fund **£ 1039-40** Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

**Readers Rota** – The new rota is available from the sacristy today. Thank you to all those who proclaim the Word of God.

**Tuesday Society** - A coach to Trentham Gardens will leave STM after the 9.15 am Mass. No afternoon meeting this week.

**Feasts this Week** – **Wednesday** is the Solemnity of St George, Patron of England. **Friday** is the Feast of St Mark, Evangelist.

**Concert in Church** – On the Feast of St George, this Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) at 7.30pm, the Heart of England Concert Orchestra will perform a Concert of Popular Classics. Admission £5 (Concessions £4) Proceeds will go to the Andrew Robinson Trust.

**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). Proceeds to the charities *Right to Life* and *Cenacolo*. This year's edition of *Oscotian* magazine, about the seminary life, is available from our parish shop, priced £2.

**The Sacrament of the Eucharist** – Children from our school and wider parish community will make their First Holy Communion over two Sundays, today (20<sup>th</sup>) and 27<sup>th</sup> April at the 11am Mass. Please pray for them. All parishioners are welcome. We extend a special welcome to all visitors to our parish this weekend, especially if you have travelled some distance to be here.

**Newman Association** – This 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.

**Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire** – An evening looking at the Church and the Media, at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church, this Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7.30pm. Guest Speaker: Rev. Mervyn Roberts, Minister and local broadcaster.

**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).

**Blagovest Concert – Orthodox Eastern Religious and Folk Music.** Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rugby.

**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. There will be a coach for the Coventry Deanery going from St Osburg's Church. It will leave at 8.50am and return to Coventry approx 8.30pm. The cost is £11 which is transport and pilgrimage costs. Packed lunch is recommended, and clothes for all weathers! If you would like to be part of this pilgrimage, please give your name to Fr Timothy, in writing.

**Parish Fete – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Thank you to those who have volunteered to help in various ways, and those who have already begun offering prizes for the Raffle for this year's fete. There are many stalls that depend on helpers, and we need groups of friends who could take responsibility for a particular stall so that nobody is left running a stall for the whole afternoon. Please think about offering your help in this way.

**Cardinal Newman Catholic School & Community College, Coventry** seeks to appoint a Lay Chaplain from 1<sup>st</sup> September. For further information about this role, please contact the school on 76 332382.

**Thank you** – The Family of Liz Parrott express their deep gratitude to parishioners and friends for expressions of sympathy and especially prayers and Masses and for the support they have experienced during these days following Liz's death and funeral.

**Torch Trust for the Blind** – Fellowship meetings take place at Earlsdon Methodist Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 3.30pm.

**Alton Castle** – The Castle and Youth Retreat Centre seeks to employ a Programme leader. The closing date for applications is this Friday (25<sup>th</sup>). Also, there is an *Activity Day* at the Castle on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm. This is a rare event for anybody who wishes to go and look round the Castle, or to participate in archery, trekking, rock climbing will be most welcome. The cost of the day is £5 (adults) and £2 (children). Light refreshments are available throughout the day. Contact: 01538 703224 for both notices.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** – 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May. For further information contact Beryl Collett on 01455 634010.

**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.