

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-ninth Sunday of the Year (C)
October 21st 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Sheila Fegan RIP

11.00am Ints of Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Thirtieth Sunday of Year C)

9.00am In thanksgiving (Brannigan family)

11.00am Christine Cusworth (Anniv.).

6.00pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Olive Shelton RIP

Tuesday 9.15am Bridget Cooney (Anniv.)

Wednesday 9.00am Kathleen Avery RIP

Thursday 11.00am *Funeral Mass for Mr Bill Browne*

Friday 9.00am Ada Emily Jackson (Anniv.)

Saturday 9.00am Ints of Elizabeth Conry & family *Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.30 – 10.30am.*

7.00pm Marg Stubbs RIP

7.00pm Ints of Bernadette Cheek (sick)

7.00pm Theresa Brooks RIP

7.00pm Thanksgiving (Maoliosa Scales)

No Evening Mass today

RIP – Bill Browne, Janet Lavelle, Sylvia Jenkins, Mark Seddon, Agnes McGroarty, Ciaran McCarron, David Conry, Molly Gallagher

Anniversaries:- Fr. John McGovern, William Seaborne, Hugh McIlhone, Andrew Breen, Annie O'Brien, Patrick Grumley, Alice Grainger, Margaret Bush, Vincent Merrick, William Mitchell, Siobhan Bonner, William Moulding, Jayne Mitchell, Frances McCluskey, Fergus Harris, Thomas Higgins, Ruth Higgins, Cyril Crook, Thomas Dean, Paschal Keegan, Patrick Lacey, Catherine David, Michael Leaver, Clare Kelly, Ada Jackson, Margaret McMahon. James Davey, Harold Anderton, Nancy Allen, Desmond Winter, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold.

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, 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, Abp Maurice Couve de Murville, James Tenn-Lyn and housebound members of our parish.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1090-71 Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

Welcome Back! Fr Bill Wilton, Director of Soli House in Stratford, returns to celebrate Masses with us today. We thank him.

Clocks go back! The onset of winter is softened by an extra hour in bed next Sunday morning!

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 Glorious Mysteries

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

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 – Half term this week. No meeting.

Journey in Faith – Half term this week. No meeting.

Extend – Enjoyable, gentle exercise for older people. Thursday mornings, 10.00am, in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Raffle Tickets – A working party is called together, please, **this** Tuesday morning at 10.00am to collate and organise tickets.

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.

Giving Something Back – There is help needed with polishing the brasses in our church. Could you give an hour a week? And there is a request for a voluntary treasurer for Churches Together in Coventry & Warwickshire. Please speak to Fr Timothy.

Help for the Helpers - Are you someone or caring for someone who has memory problems? Would you like advice, support or just someone to talk to? If so, come for tea and cakes at 6pm on Monday 29th October in the Margaret Roper Room. If you are interested but do not have transport please let Father Timothy know.

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 memory of a young parishioner, Andrew Robinson, continues to bring happiness into young people's lives. The latest Annual Report & Accounts of The Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust are displayed on the notice board. Thank you for all the support given to the work of the Trust by parishioners.

Coventry Philharmonic Choir sings Handel's SAMSON, on Saturday 3rd November at 7:00pm at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry. Tickets £10: telephone 76 41 47 46. Or go to website (covphilchoir.org.uk) and click on: tickets@cov-phil-choir

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.

Coventry Peace Month Event – A talk entitled *Christianity, Peace and Reconciliation* by the Right Rev Colin Bennetts, Bishop of Coventry on Wednesday 24th October, 7pm-8.30pm, Goldstein Lecture Theatre, Alan Berry Building, Coventry University.

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Day of Prayer and Praise – Saturday 3rd November, 9am – 5pm at Newman House, 29 Harrisons Road, Edgbaston. Theme: 'You will be my people, and I will be your God' – Ezekiel 36:28. All welcome. www.bccrc.org.uk

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.

100 Club Winners for October – 1st £20 Maria Edwards; 2nd £10 Alison McClair; 3rd £8 Mrs Garry; 4th £7 Rita McDonnell; 5th £5 Jane Norris; 6th £4 Moira Steeley. Thank you to all who support the 100 Club for our school.

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, holds an Annual James Crichton Memorial Lecture. 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.