

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-fifth Sunday of the Year (C)
September 23rd 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Richard O'Connor RIP

6.00pm Canon Albert Adams (Anniv.)

Next Sunday (Twenty-sixth Sunday of Year C)

9.00am James Spooner / Joseph Perry RIP

11.00am Thanksgiving (Terry & Elizabeth Wilson)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Ints of Nancy Morris (sick)

Tuesday 9.15am Christy Malone

Wednesday 9.00am Ints of Bryson family

Thursday 9.00am Dorothy White

Friday 9.00am Margaret James RIP

Saturday 9.00am Mrs Kitty Hogan RIP

7.00pm Mike Hill

7.00pm Joe Kendall RIP

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Eucharistic Adoration in the side chapel from 9.30 – 10.30am. No Confessions today.

RIP – Janet Lavelle, Fr Richard Dinnis, Fr Patrick Meagher, Joe Kendall, May Canning, Anthony Lawrence.

Anniversaries:- Canon Leo Twiney, Mgr. Michael McTernan, Fr. Paul Orchard, Mgr. Henry Farrelly, H.H. Pope John Paul I, Bridget Warden, Wilfred Cole, Joan Keenan, George Broughton, John Galloway, William Long, Mary Daly, Bernard Donovan, Edna Casbolt, Percy Bellezza, Helen Ryan, Eileen Norris, Edward Maher, Ellen Kiely, Beda & Betty McGovern, Patrick Commons, Rachel Leonard, Thomas O'Brien.

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, Percy Parker, Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, William Grant, Hughie McNaboe, Jack Holloway, Anne Donoghue, Anne Thomson, Joe Flis, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Ann Brown, Mary Doran, Madeleine Philips, Ruby Wilson, Teresa Johnson, Deacons Patrick Linthwaite, John Leach, Francis Andrews, Sr Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Rose Green, Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Mgr Michael Buckley, Sr Sheila Phillips, Alice Hopkins, Kitty Ryan, Bill Middleton, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins and for all who are housebound.

Tea and coffee – After the 9am and 11am Masses. **Today** there will be cakes available in the Margaret Roper Room, to eat and to take away. All money raised from cake sales and tea and coffee today will go towards the fundraising for World Youth Day 2008.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main: £ 988-11 Second Collection (Fr Hudson's) £1014-55 Thank you for your generosity.

Mass for the Beginning of the School Year – Today we ask for God's blessing on the new school year. We pray for children and staff, parents and governors of our schools, and for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit on all our endeavours.

Readers' Rota – the new rota is available from the sacristy today. Please take a copy.

Tuesday Society – Paula Kennedy will speak on the services offered at Cheylesmore Library. Margaret Roper Room, 2pm - 4 pm.

Newman Association – The talks for the coming year will all come under the heading of 'Justice and Peace'. The next talk will be by Pat Gaffney, General Secretary of Pax Christi, and an internationally renowned speaker. It will take place this Tuesday (25th) at 7.45pm in the Margaret Roper Room. All parishioners and friends are welcome to this and any of the talks.

Parish Bazaar will be on **Friday 23rd November**. Please keep the date free. Planning meeting: Monday 8th October, 7.30pm

Stepping Stones – The Parents and Toddlers parish-based group has begun again. *There is need for help with this group, setting up and clearing away.* You will be part of a team and always supervised. Please speak to Fr Timothy asap if you can help.

Consecration of Corpus Christi Church – A very significant moment in the life of any parish, and a very beautiful and moving ceremony if anybody is able to go along. Fr Adrian MacNamara invites all of the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish to attend the ceremony this Friday 28th at 7.00pm. This is a celebration of the life of the Church you will never forget! No Mass here that evening.

South Coventry Churches – We shall host the Christian churches of South Coventry here next Sunday evening (30th) at 7.30pm. It will be a service of prayer, and it would be good if parishioners could be here to welcome our friends. If you have been to Mass in the morning, please consider coming back for this service. If you are at the evening Mass, please consider staying on.

News from Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School and Humanities College – “Bishop Ullathorne Summer examination results broke all school records. 60% of pupils achieved 5+ A-C grades, showing a 20% increase in the last five years. Sixth Form students also excelled, with 43% achieving the highest grades of A and B. Eleanor Poole, having gained 5 A grades at ‘A’ level, will soon take up her place at Cambridge University. Congratulations to our families and staff at Bishop Ullathorne School.”

Coventry Catholic Deanery Website – www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk,

Maryvale Institute, Birmingham – Annual Lecture, this Saturday (29th) by Fr Gerald O’Collins sj. Details on 0121 360 8118.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – This important part of our Sunday 9am Mass requires more helpers, so that the work is shared. Many parents know the value of the work. Please consider offering your services to help, even as part of a team. Thank you.

Journey in Faith – These sessions of instruction in the Catholic faith, and an opportunity to learn more, to ask questions, to discuss issues, and to pray together continue this Thursday at 7.45pm at St John Vianney parish, Bishopton Close, Coventry. Everybody is welcome, The sessions are open to people of all ages. They finish at 9.30pm each week.

Thursday 4th October – Please note that there will be no Journey in Faith on this date, as at the 7pm Mass here at St Thomas More, Mr Cliff Jones will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. All parishioners are most welcome at this Mass.

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.

Centenary of Scouting – Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Scouting, for Scouts and Guides and their families, at St Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday 6th October at 12.30pm. All those with links with the movement past & present welcome.

Mass for Healthcare Workers of the Parish – Thursday 18th October at 7.00pm here in church. This Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist, who is the Patron Saint of Doctors, Physicians and Surgeons. Fr Michael Brandon from All Souls Parish (and former Chaplain at Walsgrave Hospital) will preach at this Mass, in recognition of the many people in our parish who are – or have been – involved in the many areas of healthcare, to ask for God’s blessing on your work and vocation.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008 – If you – or anybody you know (living in St Thomas More parish) has a child now in Year 3 who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in the coming year, or a child in Year 6 who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year, please let Fr Timothy have written details of your request as soon as possible. Courses for those not at St Thomas More school will begin this autumn.

Mass Offerings – Please *write down* the name of the person for whom you wish a Mass to be offered, with your offering.

Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire – A discussion on the meaning of communion and community, entitled: *Does the breaking of bread unite or divide us?* Led by Sr Cecily Boulding OP former member of ARCIC (Anglican / Roman Catholic Dialogue). To be held on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church. All welcome.

Diocesan Annual Justice and Peace Assembly – Saturday 13th October at St Peter’s Catholic Secondary School, Solihull. The theme of this year’s assembly will be *Stewards of Creation, Living Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the poor*. For further details on this event and other Justice and Peace initiatives, please see www.birminghamjandp.org.uk.

World Youth Day 2008 –. Next Sunday, sponsorship forms will be available to sponsor parishioners who are running the Coventry Half Marathon in October half term, to raise money to send young people from our parish to World Youth Day next year.

Age to Age – The new album by CJM which was released last week, and which is the basis for the concert they will give here on Saturday 17th November. Read about the project, and hear some of their new – and traditional – songs at www.cjmmusic.com/age2oage

Home Is a Holy Place.org.uk **Live Simply.org.uk**

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