

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

February 24th 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Acclamation:** Lord, You are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water so that I may never get thirsty

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Martin Dillon (Anniv.)  
**11.00am** Richard O'Connor (Anniv.)  
**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Next Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent, Year A)

**9.00am** Philip Corney  
**11.00am** Sara Phelps  
**6.00pm** Peter Davenport

## Weekday Masses (Please note details of Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Tommy Clarke RIP	<b>7.00pm</b> Charles Cullinane
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Leo Suter Renz RIP <b>No Evening Mass here today.</b>	<b>Partnership Mass at Corpus Christi at 7.30pm.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Margaret Norris	<b>6.00pm</b> Ints of Colm Maguire (sick)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Dennis Beirns (Anniv.)	<b>7.00pm</b> Calum McArdle RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.00am</b> Fr Sean Farrell RIP	<b>9.00am</b> Ints of Tony Armstrong (sick) <b>No Evening Mass today</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Jack and Elma Errington (Anniv.) <i>followed by Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10.30am</i>	

**RIP** – Fr Sean Farrell, Tommy Brogan, Kathleen Molloy, Margaret Freeman, Dennis Kelly, Gladys Denny, Calum McArdle.

**Anniversaries:** Bp. James Cleary, Fr. John Flynn, John Fox, John Valentine, Linda Davis, Thomas McNally, Sadie Rutledge, Michael Burke, Charles Cullinane, Johanna Seabourne, James Kelly, Ellen O'Connor, Thomas Talbot, Driver Jason McFadden, Mabel Perkins, Kathleen Day, Anne Bradfield, Kevin O'Neill, Irene Hammond, Garrett Fagan, Alex Sadler, Mary Lee, Leon Brocki, Tony Royal, Ethel Jones, James Durnien, Alice McConway, Jack Errington, Thomas Lambe, Edward McClory, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Daniel Lee, Margaret McCormack, David Lee, Edward Cawley.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Bishop Kevin Dunn, Rev. Tony Colby, 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, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Sr Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Sonia Carvell, Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Sr Sheila Phillips, Alice Hopkins, Bill Middleton, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Mary Jones, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, Rachel Hankin, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Tony Armstrong, Vincent Rutter, Warren Luyt, Matthew Plant, Jeff Blackwell, Geraldine Batley and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collections:** Main **£1048-04**

CAFOD Fast Day **£1806-34**

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.

**Stations of the Cross** – This prayer will take place here in Church at 5pm each Sunday of Lent. All welcome.

**Boyce and Stanley in Concert** – **This evening (Sunday)** at 7pm at Christ the King Church, Westhill Road, Coundon. Price: £5.

**Parish Support Group for those with Memory Problems** – This group will meet again **tomorrow (Monday) at 7.30pm.** This was previously advertised as being for those with *serious* memory problems, but this put some people off. It is important to say that memory problems occur in many different ways. Expertise will be on hand for any concerns for you or for those you know.

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm Margaret Roper Room. Angela Atkins will talk about her experiences in India and Nepal.

**Newman Association** – This Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 7.45pm in the Margaret Roper Room. Alison Gelder speaks on 'Housing Justice'.

**Extend** – Gentle exercise to music for older people, this Thursday at 10am in the MRR. Details from Roy on 76 414887

## The Season of Lent in St Thomas More Parish

During the season of Lent:

- There will be Stations of the Cross in Church at 5pm on Sundays.
- We shall celebrate partnership Masses with Corpus Christi and St Anne's on Tuesday evenings at **Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Avenue, Ernesford Grange** at 7.30pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm). The Masses will be at Corpus Christi each week, so come along any Tuesday at that time. There will be no evening Mass here.
- As last year, there will be a 7am Mass in the side chapel on Fridays.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday during Lent from 9.30am to 10.30am.
- Archbishop Vincent invites us to pray the *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars.
- At all Sunday Masses, we shall sing the *Pater Noster* (the Our Father in Latin).
- There will be the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady in Coventry in the Priory Gardens next to Coventry Cathedral on Friday lunchtimes at 1.40pm.
- At West Orchard URC, there will be Lent lunches (Wednesdays 12 noon to 1pm) and Lent Groups (Thursdays at 1.30pm).

**University of Warwick Chaplaincy Theology Debate** – Tomorrow (Monday) 5.30pm. Speaker: John Cornwell.

**Parish Young Adults Group** – will meet again on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room.

**Fairtrade Fortnight** – begins tomorrow 25<sup>th</sup> Feb until 9<sup>th</sup> March. Caring for the needs of others and 'giving to charity' takes on a special significance when choosing a product with the Fairtrade mark over a similar produce without. [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Let the Children Live!** On Mothering Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we shall welcome to our parish Fr Peter Walters. He will speak about his work in Colombia. It is an amazing story of dedication to those in great need. St Thomas More School will lead the 11am Mass.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish by Bishop William Kenney on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.

**Live it!** CAFOD event in Manchester – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March (10am to 5pm). Venue: Century Hall, Manchester. Speakers include Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Archbishop John Sentamu, David Wells, Pat Gaffney, Tina Beattie and many others. Anybody who wishes to go will be sponsored by the parish. Please read more about this national event at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

**Holy Week 2008 – Dates for your Diary** – The highpoint towards which all of our Lenten prayer, fasting and penance is directed is the Sacred Triduum (three days) of Holy Week, celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. You may wish to note the dates: Palm Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> March) – Normal Sunday Mass times; Parish Penance Service Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm; Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (20<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.30pm; Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (21<sup>st</sup> March) at 3.00pm; the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March) at 9.00pm and Easter Day (23<sup>rd</sup>) Normal Mass times. These days give shape and meaning to our whole life of faith. If you can, please look to make Holy Week special in any way you can.

**Vouchers for Schools** – As these schemes begin again, please collect these, if you can, for St Thomas More Primary School.

**Mass Intentions and Offerings** – There are new envelopes available for Mass intentions in our parish. It is important to note that for a specific anniversary Mass, it is worth making your request about 3 months in advance to secure the date. Also, please note that even fixed Mass intentions can be moved due to unforeseen circumstances. The process of requesting a Mass for a particular intention **always** requires the name of the intention being written down, and if you wish, a preference of day / date / time of Mass.

**Giving Something Back** – There is a need for more musicians to accompany the music at the Sunday 6pm Mass. Any offers?

**Hope 2008** – South Coventry Churches are planning an event on Quinton Park on Holy Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup> March), to include music, prayer and evangelisation, and other ways of showing the vitality of the Christian community to the people of our area.

**Research Volunteers Needed** – Are you second-generation Irish. A Catholic doctoral student in Coventry is looking for people who had at least one parent born in Southern Ireland with a Catholic background, but whose son / daughter was born in England. The research require you to be interviewed (40 mins) about your work history. If you think you can help , please call 07764 189536.

**CELEBRATE Family Weekend Conference** – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Princethorpe College. The *Celebrate* residential experience has taken place at Ilfracombe for many years but has now outgrown that venue, so is branching out into more local weekend holiday-conferences. For further details, please see [celebrateconference.org/heartofengland](http://celebrateconference.org/heartofengland) or call 01564 732337.

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