

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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. Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Year A)

May 25th 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am June Keenan (Anniv.)

11.00am Thomas Boyce (Anniv.)

6.00pm In thanksgiving for the Priesthood

Next Sunday (Ninth Sunday of the Year, A)

9.00am Monica Cerowski RIP

11.00am Ernest Cairns (Anniv.)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Bank Holiday Monday 10.00am Hughie Mullin (Anniv.) **6.45pm Reception into Church of Mrs Mary Jones RIP** No Evening Mass

Tuesday 11.15am **Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Jones** No Evening Mass

Wednesday 9.00am Mary Shepherd (Anniv.) No Evening Mass

Thursday 9.00am Jack & Doris Swales RIP No Evening Mass

Friday 9.00am Win Chattaway and Peter & Kitty David No Evening Mass

Saturday 9.00am Hugh & Kathleen Mahon (Anniv.) *followed by Exposition and Confessions*

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

Anniversaries:- Deacon William Parker, Esther Flanagan, Edward Browne, Terence Clifford, Georgine Bruell, Daniel Yorath, Michael Kitson, Mary Harris, Clara Sidwell, Leonard Whitehouse, George Preston, Bertha Lawlor, Andrew Rothwell, Maureen McCormack, Nora O'Sullivan, June Keenan, Mary Bell, Margaret Mulvenna, David Adams, Mary Shepherd, Doreen Ognibene, Josephine Robinson, Johanna Quirke, Mary Butler, Grace Murphy, Jack Swales, William Quigley, Ella Jeffs, Mahala Lamb, Denis Peel, Doris Swales, Patrick McElvenny, Ellen Wood, Ellen Gallacher, Andrew Feeney, Eugene Gaughan, May deLargy, Mary Maguire, Daisy Lycett.

Sick List – Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Rev. Tony Colby, Fr Louis Purcell, Fr Anthony Frainey, 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, Tommy Wainwright, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, Edna Bevins, Teresa Johnson, David Gormal, PJ Barrett, Joan Gardner, Norman Arnold,

Liz Ferguson and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collection: Main £ 1212-40 Thank you for your generosity.

Today – We welcome Fr Emilio Paloschi, of the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society who will celebrate all Sunday Masses, and will make a mission appeal telling us of his work. There will be a Second Collection to support the work of the foreign missions..

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

May is the Month of Mary – The Rosary will be this Friday at 1.40pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry, in town.

Feasts this week – Monday – St Philip Neri; Tuesday – St Augustine of Canterbury; Thursday – Solemnity of Dedicated Churches of our Diocese; Friday – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Saturday – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – All parishioners' intentions will be placed before the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes, France, in the coming week. We pray for God's blessing on the 2000 pilgrims from the Birmingham Diocese making this journey.

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.

Tuesday Society – No Meeting this week.

Extend – Meets this week as normal.

Raffle Tickets for Parish Fete – A working party required for a couple of hours after the 9am Mass this Thurs 29th May, please.

Pioneers The Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will take place at the Pioneer Hall on Friday 30th May at 7.30pm.

Coventry Deanery Corpus Christi Procession – takes place this year on Sunday 8th June. A special invitation is extended children who made their First Holy Communion this year. An afternoon procession of prayer and witness to our faith in Christ.

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 who was ordained a priest in this parish invites you to his new parish in Hednesford, 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. This pilgrimage which is led by Bishop David McGough has special significance this year as the Church commemorates 150 years since the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette at Lourdes.

100 Club Winners for May 2008 – 1st £20 Aiden McDonnell; 2nd £10 Mr Haverty; 3rd £8 Mrs Ormsby; 4th £7 J Murphy 5th £5 Mrs Smith; 6th £4 Trisha Taylor. Thank you for your support for our primary school.

Vouchers for Schools – Many thanks for the vouchers received so far. Our primary school derives much benefit from all of the vouchers that you bring in. As some schemes draw to a close, please continue to give us any vouchers you have. Thank you.

The Friends of the Poor Clares at Baddesley Clinton invite you to their Coffee Morning on 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. This day will feature cakes, tea, marmalade, jam, bouncy castle, games and lots more. It will take place within the grounds of the Convent at Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0DD.

Oscott College Presents: *Singing Seminarians: An Evening of Assorted Music* on Saturday 7th June at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. For more details or to book tickets, please contact tickets@oscott.org. Proceeds to charities *Right to Life* and *Cenacolo*.

A Day with Mary – National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Programme from 12.10 to 6.15pm. Details on notice board.

Quiet Days with Spiritual Accompaniment – These are offered by the Princethorpe Retreat and Conference Centre. The next one is on Thursday 19th June from 10.30am to 4.30pm. An opportunity for time, space and peace, and the chance to talk confidentially to Fr Teddy O'Brien msc and Sue Kimberley. Light lunch provided. Donations-based only. 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.

International Symposium on the Mariology of Blessed John Duns Scotus ofm – Grey College, Durham University, 9th 11th September 2008. For further details please contact tel. 0208 416418 or e-mail trevor.symposium@talktalk.net.