

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Solemnity of Christ the King (Year C)

National Youth Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

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**Responsorial Psalm:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Winifred Perry and Lauren Preece (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Pat Lawlor (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Next Sunday – First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

**9.00am** Rose & Ernest Pallett

**11.00am** Bill Browne RIP

**6.00pm** Pauline Twigger RIP

## Weekday Masses (Please note: no Mass here on Monday evening)

**Monday 9.00am** Dr Rita & Ms Maev Gaffney (Anniv.) **No Evening Mass today. Vocations Mass at Sacred Heart at 7pm.**

**Tuesday 9.15am** Margaret Grimes

**7.00pm** Michael and Mary Brennan

**Wednesday 9.00am** Tanis Kent RIP

**7.00pm** Thomas Clarke (Anniv.)

**Thursday 9.00am** Teresa Gilbride

**7.00pm** William Horton (Anniv.)

**Friday 9.00am** Charles Flynn RIP

**7.00pm** In thanksgiving (B. Armstrong)

**Saturday 9.00am** Agnes Mary Murray (Anniv.)

*Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.30 – 10.30am.*

**RIP** – Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bill Browne, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Ray Grant, Gilbert Corbett, Becky Kingston, Barry Munday, Alice Williams, Eileen Hayes, Frances Clarkson, Rabbi Leonard Tann, Kevin Healy, Tony Montague.

**Anniversaries** – Canon Augustine Emery, Abp. Joseph Masterton, Abp. Edward Ilsley, Edward O'Brien, Lawrence Kelly, Ted Lamb, Jean McAteer, Kath Beard, Tom Daly, James Blackwell, Majorie Woodward, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, John Dempsey, James Higgins, Rita Cartwright, Baby Joseph Alexander Piper, Constance Wakeling, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGinty. Ellen Fox, John Ilsley, John Coyne, Thomas Charman, Margaret Laughton, Elizabeth Duggan, John McNaney, Stephen Prior, Rosemary Pereira, Jadwiga Marrinan, John Kitterick, Madeline Cronin, Philip Tams, Duncan Molyneux, Teresa McKenna, Henry Hanley, William Horton, Mary Taylor, John McHendry, Philip Keany, Christopher Hand, Andrew Reilly, Philomena Cerone, Alice Twomey, Barbara Stinton, Anthony Panico, Edward Olverson (Ormsby).

**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, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, 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, 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, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, Patrick McClean, James Tenn-Lyn, Dennis Kelly, Rachel Hankin and housebound members of our parish.

**Last Sunday's Collection: £1074-43** Thank you for your generosity. Second Collection today for Catholic Youth Services.

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

**Parish Youth Group** – Today is National Youth Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. Today we celebrate the faith of our young parishioners. Today we welcome the parish Brownies and Guides in a special way for their 'Church parade' at the 9.00am Mass. Please pray for our parishioners preparing for World Youth Day in Sydney next year. **The parish youth group meets this evening.**

**Coventry Deanery Mass for Vocations** – The Mass will be held on the **tomorrow** evening (**Monday**) at Sacred Heart Church, Harefield Road, Stoke, Coventry. All parishioners are most welcome. Now an annual event, we are encouraged to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life, especially from within the parishes of this great city with such a strong Catholic history. We can also pray for Edward Cerowski, from our parish, who has begun his studies for the priesthood, in Spain. We continue to remember in our prayers our students for the priesthood from the past two summers: Craig Szmidt and Michael Glover at Oscott.

**Readers' Rota** – The new rota is available from the sacristy. Please take one **today** as the rota begins next Sunday.

**Parish Bazaar** – **Thank you** to all parishioners and friends for your support, buying raffle tickets, coming to the bazaar, and to so many people who gave so much of their talents and time in preparation for the evening itself. All efforts are deeply appreciated.

**Help for the Helpers** – A support group starting in the parish for people with memory problems and those who care for them. Do you need advice, support, someone to talk to. The next meeting will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in the Margaret Roper Room. If you would like more information, in confidence, please phone Bernie on 76 417508, or speak to one of the clergy.

**Pioneer Association** – AGM takes place tomorrow (Monday 26<sup>th</sup>) at the Pioneer Hall, beginning with Mass at 8.00pm.

**Christian Trades Unionists' Association** – Annual Mass remembering deceased members, families and friends, will be held this Tuesday evening (27<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm at St Joseph the Worker, De Montfort Way, Coventry. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week, a quiz: 'A Question of Identity'. All welcome.

**Newman Association** – This Tuesday, 7.45pm, in the Margaret Roper Room. All parishioners and visitors are welcome. The talk: *Religion, Science and the Environment* will be given by Jenny Banks Bryer. Looking at churches co-operating on the environment.

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

**Journey in Faith** – continues this Thursday at 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church, Bishopton Close, Mound Nod. All welcome.

**The Season of Advent** begins next Sunday. During Advent we shall celebrate our *Partnership Masses* here on Monday evenings 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December; *Evening Prayer* on Sundays at 5pm; we shall receive *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars, and we shall sing the *Salve Regina (the Latin original of the Hail Holy Queen)* at all Sunday Masses in place of the Hail Mary. During the season of Advent, when we can easily think of all that we *want* rather than *need* we shall focus on CAFOD's *livesimply* campaign

**Advent Retreat Days** – *Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December* here at St Thomas More (10am to 4pm). Also, days of recollection will be held at the Ark of the Covenant, 110 Potters Green Road on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December (10am to 4pm), and at Corpus Christi parish. See below

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** – It is important to take the occasional opportunity to reflect on your ministry in the Church, to help you exercise it more effectively. There will be a day of reflection on *Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December* (10am to 4pm) at Corpus Christi Convent, Ernesford Grange. The convent is located just behind the Church in Langbank Avenue. Please make an effort to go. All parishioners are very welcome to attend this day of prayer and reflection, to help re-charge the batteries before Christmas.

**Blessing of the Crib** – The city centre crib in Smithford Way will be blessed next Sunday at 4pm. All parishioners welcome.

**Giving Something Back** – It is now a year since the initiative to *give something back* by way of time, talents, prayer, to the parish was launched. At that time, lists of parish jobs and ministries were given out. Many thanks to all those who have come forward in one way or another, to be more involved in the parish in the past year. The sentiment still holds good. Can you *give something back*?

**Parish Shop** – Parish Christmas cards now available – do consider spreading the Gospel by sending religious cards this year. Also, items for Advent, various religious books, 2008 diaries, booklets and holy pictures, as well as Fairtrade items to buy. Why not pop in! Please consider that where other shops sell religious Christmas cards, they will only continue to stock them if people buy them.

**Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School** in Coventry seeks to appoint a new Head Teacher in the Spring Term of 2008. Informal visits to the school are welcomed. For information and an application pack, please call 02476 833030.

**Save the Children** – Sherry & Mince Pie Evening, together with Christmas gifts, cakes, Bring & Buy stall – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 7pm – 9pm at 90 Watercall Avenue. All proceeds will go to *Save the Children*. All parishioners welcome.

**St Osburg's Church Bicentenary** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Vincent, and clergy and representatives from various Benedictine communities connected with the parish over the years. All welcome to this special Mass.

**Hail, holy Queen Mother of Mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate,**

thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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