

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-first Sunday of the Year (C)
August 26th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

Mr. Malcolm Pollard (Tel. 7641 3011)

Responsorial Psalm: In Your goodness, O God, You prepared a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves Me he will keep My word, and My Father will love him,
and We shall come to him. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Monica Cerowski RIP

11.00am Larry Kelly RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Twenty-second Sunday of Year C)

9.00am In memory of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

11.00am Mick Corkerry RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses

Monday (Bank Holiday) 10.00am Pauline Twigger (Anniv.)

No Evening Mass today

Tuesday 9.15am Ints of Alice O'Toole 6.55pm Reception into church of Mr Mick O'Sullivan RIP 7.00pm Mary Kelly RIP

Wednesday 11.00am Funeral Mass for Mick O'Sullivan 7.00pm Evelyn Connolly RIP

Thursday 9.00am Pax Hackett RIP 7.00pm Ints of Christopher Wright & Karen Wells (Marriage)

Friday 9.00am Gregory Mashtalir RIP 7.00pm Luke Blacklaw

Saturday 9.00am Sheila O'Driscoll RIP

Eucharistic Adoration in the side chapel and Confessions in church from 9.30 – 10.30am.

RIP – Michael O'Sullivan, Fr Dennis Manion, Steve Hancock, Peg O'Brien, Darren Smith, Eileen Thomas.

We pray for: Mgr. Richard Foster, Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, John Corrigan, Elizabeth Brennan, Alice Simard, Kenneth Davies, Frank Hannigan, Monica Smout, Vivian Edmiston, Olive Prior, James Barratt, Donal McHugh, Howard Kennedy, Michael O'Sullivan, Pauline Twigger, Kevin Gavin, Michael Broderick, Anne Whitters, Mabel Fulham, Peter Hughes, Charles Richards, Christopher Simmons, Rosemary Kennedy, Edward Spence, Nora Neary, Mr. Hopkins, John Morgan, Gerald Harland, Patrick Doyle, Esther Dodd, Ethel Carrington, Bill Berwick, Joseph Richards, Edna Barton, Patrick Carroll, Maureen Vaughan, Elia Gregory, Robert Harvey, Ludmila Cerowski, Eileen Barnett, Emma Bower, Mick Muldoon

Sick List – Please pray for Deacon Tony Colby, 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, Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, William Grant, Percy Parker, Hughie McNaboe, Jack Holloway, Anne Donoghue, Anne Thomson, 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,

Joseph Kendall, Dolores Hackett and for all who are housebound. *If you are going into hospital, please let us know.*

Tea and coffee – After the 9am Mass only. Helpers needed for post-11am Mass refreshments when they resume in September.

Last Sunday's Collection: Main £ 916-79 Thank you.

Coventry Catholic Deanery Website – A website has been set up, giving information about each of the parishes in Coventry. It is still in the early stages of development, and any relevant information can be added. Current features are a map of Coventry with churches plotted on it, links to other parish websites, and a comprehensive list of Mass times throughout the city! Please take the time to have a look at it, www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk, and make suggestions for the website directly or to Fr Timothy.

XExtend – Gentle movement to music for those of senior age, now at 10am on Thursdays, Margaret Roper Room. Do come.

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.

Medjugorje comes to Walsingham – Monday 27th August. Cost £10. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to be led by a priest from Medjugorje. Day includes Mass, Confessions, Rosary. Coach leaves from here at 8.45am. Details: Trevor on 01455 634010

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Worcestershire – Next Sunday 2nd September. Mass begins at 3pm. All

welcome.

COVENTRY PRAISE - Saturday 8th September 2007 at 7.30pm at Coventry Cathedral. This is a celebration of all of the Christian communities of Coventry. So often, much is made of gatherings of other faith communities, and the roots of Christianity in Coventry are well known, and so the present and future witness to Christ in our city is important. This event at the Cathedral will be an evening of prayer and praise, open to all, and it would be good if as many parishioners as possible could attend, as HOPE 2008 is launched – a national project for 2008, showing Christianity in action. Guest Speaker will be Steve Chalke. www.hope08.com

Coventry Intercultural Mass – Sunday 9th September at 5.30pm at St John Fisher Church, Tiverton Road, Wyken. This Mass has great symbolic value, where people are asked – where possible – to dress in national costume, to bring some food representing their country, and to celebrate the cultural diversity by many Catholics in our city. If you would like to be involved in a particular way in this Mass, by greeting the congregation in a different language, by reading a bidding prayer or some other way, please let us know.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2008 - Saturday 24 May to Saturday 31 May 2008. Next year is a special year in Lourdes because it is the 150th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette. Information is available in the Guild Room today.

Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Sunday 9th September – Mass at 1pm. Main celebrant: Bishop Michael Evans.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Mass for Altar Servers – Saturday 15th September at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be the main celebrant, and all altar servers of our parishes are very welcome to take their cassock and cotta along to the Mass, and to celebrate with servers from across the diocese this special ministry in the Church.

Fr Hudson's Society – This year's Fr Hudson's Appeal throughout the diocese will be on Sunday 16th September. The weekend before that, we shall have a talk about the work of Fr Hudson's, the Social Care Agency for our Diocese. You can learn more about the Society at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk. A branch of the Society, the Pastoral Care Project, is looking for a Part-Time Administrator and Fundraiser. (25 hours per week, 12 month fixed terms contract, £11,500, based at Coleshill. The closing date for applications is 5th September, and further details are available from www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk or on Tel. 10675 434035.

David Alton (Lord Alton of Liverpool) will be giving a Public Lecture at Oscott College on Tuesday 18th September at 8.00pm. The title of the lecture is: *Christian Citizenship: the duty to get involved*. It will be followed by informal discussion and Night Prayer. All are welcome, and there is no charge or ticket required. Oscott College, Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA.

Youth Group Leaders and Aspiring Youth Leaders – There is a training day for those involved in Youth Work. It is being organised by BCYS for the whole of our diocese, but is being held at Cardinal Newman School in Coventry on Saturday 22nd September from 9.30am to 6.00pm. For further details, see Fr Timothy or contact maria.bracken@bcys.co.uk.

Congratulations to Geraldine Kilkelly and Ian Davis, to Kate Wojtanowska and Paul Madia, and to Chris Kavanagh and Emma Lomas, parishioners who have celebrated marriages recently. We also pray for Christopher Wright and Karen Wells who will be married here this weekend. We pray for those who are making this commitment, and ask God's blessing on them now and always.

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.

World Youth Day 2008 – This is a festival of half a million young Catholic adults, taking place in Sydney, Australia in July 2008. Following an open invitation to young people of our parish, 10 young people are going to represent the parish at this event. World Youth Days were an initiative of Pope John Paul II and have been continued by Pope Benedict. The families of those going are paying towards the trip, and there are other fundraising ventures being planned. **Next Sunday**, the young people involved will be offering to wash cars during the three Sunday Masses. Fr Timothy and a number of parishioners will be running the Coventry Half Marathon in October, also raising money towards this trip. *A gentle reminder to anybody planning to do the run that they need to register for it asap at www.ladygodiva-halfmarathon.co.uk/*. Any parishioners whose work situation agrees to match charity sponsorship is asked to make themselves known, as this event is organised through the diocese which is a Charitable Trust. More details about World Youth Day will be given in due course, but any support that parishioners can give would be appreciated.

Preserving the Newman Heritage – There are two DVDs (also available as videos) commissioned in 2007 revealing the work of the restoration and preservation of the treasures of the Birmingham Oratory libraries, which house many of the original writings of John Henry Newman. The films carry interviews with the Oratory Fathers, the Editor of Newman's letters and other footage. There are some A5 Order Forms available at the back of church today, if you are interesting in buying a copy.

Talks on the Catholic Faith will begin again soon. This year they will be held on Thursday evenings at St John Vianney. Now is the time to think about coming to learn more about your own faith, or to encourage somebody else to come, and accompany them?

