

# 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 the Year (A)

January 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

Mr. Malcolm Pollard (Tel. 7641 3011)

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my help.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all sorts of sickness among the people, Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Amanda Oliver

**11.00am** Peter Ronan

**6.00pm** John Glynn (Anniv.)

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

**9.00am** People of the Parish

**11.00am** Ints of Tom Cash & Ann Rooney (Marriage)

**6.00pm** Brian Collins RIP

## Weekday Masses (No Evening Mass on Friday this week)

**Monday 9.00am** Donald Augustine Watson (Anniv.) **6.55pm Reception into Church of Mrs Kathleen Molloy RIP 7.00pm** Joe Molloy RIP

**Tuesday 9.30am Funeral Mass for Mrs Kathleen Molloy 7.00pm** Harry Mellon (Anniv.)

**Wednesday 9.00am** Molly Gallagher **7.00pm** Hayden Clifford & Kerry Powell

**Thursday 9.00am** May Weir (Anniv.) **7.00pm** Joyce Taylor RIP

**Friday 9.00am** Bill Parton RIP **No Evening Mass today**

**Saturday 9.00am** Teresa Niro (Anniv.) *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30am to 10.30am.*

**RIP** – Tommy Brogan, Kathleen Molloy, Dorothy Apedaile, Marie Ainsworth, Joan Harbourne, John Lappin, Joyce Donoghue, Rose McDevitt, John Bromell, Patricia Rodger, Les Atkins, Baby Lewis Whitmore, Jim Nettleship, Peter Gill, Fr Philip Garrett, Rosanna Grogan, Christine Kelly.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Charlton, Andrew Bradley, Elizabeth Wrighton, David Evans, John Durnien, David Evans, Rosemary Walker, Catherine McKenzie, John Dourse, Susan Rutledge, Diso Gianni, Herbert Spencer, Harry Mellon, Edward Cawley, Olga Humber, Walter Leigh, Laurence Keating, Hugh Kelly, Peter Lynch, Mary Weir, James Griffin, Jeremy Pilcher, John de Ville, Gladys Biddle, James Brennan, Eileen Moore.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Rev. Tony Colby, Rev. Pat Jeary, Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, Rose Green,

Jack Holloway, John Leach, 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, Dennis Kelly, 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, and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collection: £1352-11.** Also £100 raised for World Youth Day from cake sale. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Second Collection today for the work of the Catholic Education Council.**

**Readers Rota** – The new rota is available from the sacristy today. Please take a copy today to look ahead to your turn.

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

**Tuesday Society** - 2pm – 4pm in the MRR. New members welcome. This week: Ann Farr speaks about *Livesimply*.

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

**Journey in Faith** – Continues this Thursday evening at 7.45pm at St John Vianney, Bishopton Close, Mount Nod. All welcome.

**Parish Youth Group** – Meets next Sunday after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room.

**St Thomas More Primary School** has a vacancy for a Parent Governor, who must be currently a parent of the school. Also there is a vacancy in the Administration Department in our school. For further details on either matter, please phone 76 412619.

**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. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate specific dates, some flexibility is needed. The envelopes are available in the sacristy, in the parish shop and at the back of church. The process of requesting a Mass for a particular intention **always** requires the name of the intention being written down, and so these envelopes should assist us all. As it is customary to make an offering for the celebration of a Mass (this is not a charge, but an offering), it might be helpful for those not familiar with requesting Masses, that the going rate is now considered to be £5-00. It is also understood that by requesting a Mass intention, it is not sponsorship of a Mass, as every Mass is offered for all of God's people, living and dead.

**Hope 2008** – One Million Hours of Kindness – that is what is being sought as the achievement of all of the Christian churches in England and Wales over the coming year. **The 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.** Any ideas for such an opportunity, or offers of involvement, would be most welcome.

**The Season of Lent in St Thomas More Parish** – Almost as early as it can possibly be, Ash Wednesday this year falls on 6<sup>th</sup> February. During the season of Lent we shall celebrate partnership Masses with Corpus Christi and St Anne's. As last year, there will be a 7am Mass on Fridays. We shall receive from Archbishop Vincent *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars, and at all Sunday Masses, we shall sing the *Pater Noster* (the Our Father in Latin). In addition, there will be the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady in Coventry in the Priory Gardens next to Coventry Cathedral on Friday lunchtimes during Lent, and other activities at our neighbouring Christian churches that you are invited to share in. Our parish Lenten Penance Service will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Thank you** to the parishioners who were able to attend any of the services here or at our local Christian Churches during the past Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The prayer is relevant all the year round, especially among our families and Christian friends. Thank you to those who posted HOPE 08 leaflets through doors in the locality. A few piles of leaflets still remain, if you are able.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars** – starting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm, and continuing for 7 weeks, at the Ark of the Covenant House of Prayer and Evangelisation, 110 Potters Green Road, Coventry. For further details, please phone 76 604144.

**Feast Days** – This Saturday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple as a child. It is also known as the Feast of Candlemas, and at Mass on that day, we each light and hold a candle as we remember that special event involving Simeon and Anna.  
*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February* is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apparitions at Lourdes by Our Lady to Bernadette. It is a Jubilee Year of celebration at the shrine in Lourdes. Perhaps if you have been to Lourdes, or know somebody who has, this would be a special day to come to Mass to reflect on God's grace in your life – or somebody close to you.. For those who have not been to Lourdes before, it is appropriate to be associated with this Feast of the Church, as it will be celebrated on the day in Lourdes. It is World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The Mass times that day will be as normal: 9am and 7pm.

**Oscott College Public Lecture** – Professor Nicholas Lash on 'The Impossibility of Atheism'. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. The lecture will be followed by informal discussion and ends with Night Prayer. All welcome. Free admission. Oscott Address: B73 5AA

**Healing Conference and Service** with *Monsignor Michael Buckley*. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 4pm at Manchester Grammar School, Old Hall Lane, Manchester M13 0XT. Please bring own lunch. Details: [www.healingelshaddaifrbuckley.org](http://www.healingelshaddaifrbuckley.org).

**Celebrate Catholic Holiday Conference** for all the family. Princethorpe College, May Bank Holiday: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill and Early Day Motion** – There are some significant debates coming to the House of Lords in the weeks ahead, which we are asked to be aware of, and to make our views known to local MPs and Peers. More details on the issues to consider can be found at: [www.parliamentaryprolife.org.uk](http://www.parliamentaryprolife.org.uk).

**Coventry Macular Disease Support Group** – A regular meeting of this recently formed group will be at St John's Church Hall, Fleet Street Coventry from 10.30 to 12.30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Further details from Dorothy on 76 414076.

**Parish Fete 2008** – It is proposed that this summer's parish fete should be on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This is a good time for anybody who sees a problem with this date, for any reason, to let us know, especially if you think it clashes with something significant.

**The Hudson Way Bike Ride 2008** – Are you – or a member of your family – a keen cyclist who is up for a challenge this year? The Fr Hudson's Society – working in many areas of social care throughout our diocese – is looking for willing volunteers and supportive parishioners to accompany Archbishop Vincent Nichols and people from around the diocese on this major fundraising event in July. It will be from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July, or any part of that. For more information phone: 01675 434000.