

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (C)

October 28th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: This poor man called; the Lord heard him

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am In thanksgiving (Brannigan family)

11.00am Christine Cusworth (Anniv.).

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Thirty-first Sunday of Year C)

9.00am Keith Briars

11.00am Bereaved Families of the Parish

6.00pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (Please note: Thursday – All Saints; Friday – All Souls)

Monday 9.00am Jenny Lavelle RIP

Tuesday 9.15am Ron Rutter RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Kathleen Rogan

Thursday 6.45am For the Beatification of Cardinal Newman **9.15am** Past Pupils of St Thomas More School **7.30pm** Kay Swords

Friday 9.00am Deceased Priests of the Parish

7.00pm Holy Souls

Saturday 9.00am Arthur Robert Turner RIP *Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.30 – 10.30am.*

RIP – Bill Browne, Janet Lavelle, Sylvia Jenkins, Mark Seddon, Agnes McGroarty, Ciaran McCarron, David Conry, Molly Gallagher

Anniversaries:- Bp. John Barrett, Canon Denis Toplass, Leonard Rollason, Paddy Hope, Les George, Mary Cunningham, William McSorley, Mario Sajeva, Juliette Baker, Bert Twigger, Theresa Lacey, Ellen Duffy, Molly Donagh, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey, Eileen Taylor, Fintan Conroy, Cele Oyamburu, Alan Stock, Mary Butcher, Winifred Knight, Percy Townsend, Patrick Brennan, Sean O'Sullivan, Mary Foster, Joseph O'Neill, Mathew Madden, Thomas McMillan, Christina Malian, Edward Hastings, Oona Smith, Michael McLaughlin, Tony Corcoran, Austin O'Reilly.

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, Barry Munday, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, 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, Ruby Wilson, 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, Maria Bracken, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, Patrick McClean, Abp Maurice Couve de Murville, James Tenn-Lyn and housebound members of our parish.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1001-65 Thank you for your generosity.

Today – there is an appeal on behalf of an orphanage in India, much of the work for which is organised by Catholics in Coventry.

Next Sunday is the Annual Collection for the Johnson Association for Sick and Retired Clergy. Envelopes are available today.

November is the Month dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory – **Thursday** of this Week is the Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation). **Friday** is the Commemoration of All Souls. Normal Mass times. There will be the customary opportunity for you to place the names of your deceased loved ones in front of the altar during the month of November.

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

SVP – Meets tomorrow (Monday) after the 9am Mass, in the Guild Room. New members are always welcome.

Help for the Helpers - Are you someone - or caring for someone - who has memory problems? Would you like advice, support or just someone to talk to? If so, come for tea and cakes at **6pm** tomorrow Monday 29th October in the Margaret Roper Room. If you are interested but do not have transport please let Father Timothy know.

Tuesday Society – 'A closer look at Coventry' – A talk by Peter Warden. 2pm – 4pm, Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Newman Association – Brian Davis speaks on ‘Justice and Peace and the Eucharist’. 7.45pm, MRR. All welcome.

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

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

Stepping Stones – The Parents and Toddlers parish-based group meets in the Margaret Roper Room (in church) on Friday lunchtimes from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. All welcome. A good opportunity to meet other parents and become part of the parish.

Lady Godiva Half Marathon...in aid of World Youth Day – Fr Timothy and members of our parish and primary school communities took part in the run last Sunday, and completed it. Many thanks to all who supported the fundraising event through sponsorship. Sponsor money – or any donations (if you didn’t manage to sponsor the run) will be collected after Masses today. Thank you very much to the parishioners and friends who turned out along the route to encourage and cheer on the weary runners!

Giving Something Back – There is help needed with polishing the brasses in our church. Could you give an hour a week? And there is a request for a voluntary treasurer for Churches Together in Coventry & Warwickshire. Please speak to Fr Timothy.

Parish Shop – Yuletide 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!

Parish Bazaar - Friday 23rd November. Please keep the date free. The next planning meeting will be on *Wednesday 7th Nov.* As last year, we are looking for imaginative prizes for our Charity Auction, teddies and chocolate for the respective tombolas, and a special request to young people of the parish (but not exclusively the young!) to bake cakes for the parish bazaar. Do get thinking!

Coventry Philharmonic Choir sings Handel's SAMSON, this Saturday (3rd November) at 7:00pm at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry. Tickets £10: telephone 76 41 47 46. Or go to website (covphilchoir.org.uk) and click on: tickets@cov-phil-choir

Faith Academy – Are you aged 16 – 18? Would you like to spend three weekends between now and the summer at Soli House, deepening your understanding of your faith, meeting other young Catholics, and growing in confidence in living out your faith? Please speak to Fr Timothy if you would like to know more about this exciting new programme being run by Soli House in Stratford.

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Day of Prayer and Praise – This Saturday (3rd Nov) 9am – 5pm at Newman House, 29 Harrisons Road, Edgbaston. Theme: ‘*You will be my people, and I will be your God*’ – Ezekiel 36:28. All welcome.
www.bccrc.org.uk

Next Sunday (4th November) – the 9am Mass will be animated by the Children of Year 3, preparing for the Sacraments; The 11am Mass on that day will be a Mass of Remembrance and Prayer for those who have been bereaved in the past year.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008 – Please give your details to Fr Timothy as soon as possible, together with the name and age of your child, and the programme he / she wishes to follow in the coming year.

St Thomas More Parish hosts a day on Music and Liturgy – The Society of St Gregory which promotes good music and liturgy in the Church, holds an Annual James Crichton Memorial Lecture. This year, the annual lecture is going to be held here, and all parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend. The title of the talk will be: ***Liturgy and Ecumenism – Can Christians Still Pray Together?*** It will be given by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, a priest of the Diocese of Northampton, and somebody who has much experience at a pastoral level, in liturgy, ecumenism and education. The talk will be in the Margaret Roper Room, and then there will be a celebration of Evening Prayer, in church. There will be people coming from around the country, and not only would it be good for parishioners to be here to welcome visitors, but also to share in the day, if you are able. **Saturday 10th November.** The lecture is at 2.15pm. To find out more about the Society and its work, previous summer schools and future events: www.ssgc.org.uk .

Mass of Thanksgiving for all those involved in Church Music – to be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, in St Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham, on Sunday 18th November. Rehearsal 2.30 pm, Break 4.30 pm; Mass 5.30 pm. Music for everyone, of all abilities, from plainsong to contemporary pieces. Music is available and can be acquired if need be. For further details on this Mass or other events for Church musicians throughout the diocese, please see the website at www.abcm.org.uk

CJM Music – Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley will be here at St Thomas More, as part of a concert tour to launch their latest CD called *Age to Age* – a project to bridge the generation gap in Church music. Their CD includes hymns such as *Soul of my Saviour, Salve Regina and Yahweh, I know you are near.* It will be on Saturday 17th November at 7pm. It is open to all parishioners and friends. Tickets are £5-00 and are now available from Fr Timothy. To find out more about CJM’s music ministry, see www.cjmmusic.com.

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