

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

March 2nd 2008



Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Acclamation:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Philip Corney

**11.00am** Sara Phelps

**5.55pm** Reception into church of Elizabeth Nash RIP

**6.00pm** Peter Davenport

## Next Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent, Year A)

**9.00am** Cyprian Texeira (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Anne Fellows (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Weekday Masses

**Monday** **9.00am** James Costello (Anniv.) *11.45am – Funeral Service – Mrs Elizabeth Nash* **7.00pm** Frank Flanagan RIP

**Tuesday** **9.15am** Margaret Grimes **No Evening Mass here today.** **Partnership Mass at Corpus Christi at 7.30pm.**

**Wednesday** **9.00am** Ints of Mary O'Mahoney **7.30pm** Eddie McElvenney (Anniv.)

**Thursday** **9.00am** Ints of Josie Browne **7.00pm** Angela Domican RIP

**Friday** **7.00am** For family life in our parish **9.00am** Sheila Clarke RIP **7.00pm** Joan Harbourne RIP

**Saturday** **9.00am** Mac McCormack RIP *followed by Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10.30am*

**RIP** – Fr Sean Farrell, John Mills, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Freeman, Dennis Kelly, Gladys Denny, Calum McArdle.

**Anniversaries:** - Fr. Terry Luxon, Lillian Stretton, Patrick O'Laughlin, Robert Fuller, Ellen Higgins, Patrick Buckley, Leslie Cook,

Blanche Dargon, Mary McElvenny, Daniel Butler, Michael Fitzpstrick, Celia Gains, Norman Cartwright, Gladys Stagg, Jean Craft, James McElvenny, Sadie O'Neill, Giulio Jannucelli, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Tomasson, Maurice Walton, John Kelleher, Mary Parkinson, Ray Murray, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Bernard Buissonade, Percival Miller, Francis Hughes, Elizabeth Garry, Margaret McBeth, Laurence Kelly, William Jones, Desmond McDade, Dagmor Halliwell, Mary Winston, Jack Tarlington, Angela Domican, Winifred Oxley, Catherine McNab, Thomas Nealon, Gertrude Dawse, Henry Pickersgill, Catherine Smart,

**Sick List** – Please pray for Bishop Kevin Dunn, Rev. Tony Colby, Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, John Leach,

Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, 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, Jonjo Rooney, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Sr Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Sonia Carvell, 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, Matthew Plant, Jeff Blackwell, Geraldine Batley and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collection: £1308-15** Thank you for your generosity.

**Thank you** for your support for World Youth Day through the Easter Hamper Raffle. Tickets and a cake sale for WYD today.

**Next Sunday** there will be a retiring collection at all Masses towards the cost of Church flowers throughout the year. It is also a way in which you can show your appreciation for all the hard work and dedication that goes into this important ministry in our parish.

**Let the Children Live!** Today, Mothering Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we welcome to our parish Fr Peter Walters. He will speak about his work in Colombia. It is an amazing story of dedication to those in great need. St Thomas More School will lead the 11am Mass.

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

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish by Bishop William Kenney next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.

**Parish Youth Group** – meets this evening after the 6pm Mass in the Margaret Roper Room. Aged 12 +.

**Parish Young Adults Group** – will meet again next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> March) after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room.

### **The Season of Lent in St Thomas More Parish**

During the season of Lent:

- There will be Stations of the Cross in Church at 5pm on Sundays.
- We shall celebrate partnership Masses with Corpus Christi and St Anne's on Tuesday evenings at **Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Avenue, Ernesford Grange** at 7.30pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm). The Masses will be at Corpus Christi each week, so come along any Tuesday at that time. There will be no evening Mass here.
- As last year, there will be a 7am Mass in the side chapel on Fridays.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday during Lent from 9.30am to 10.30am.
- Archbishop Vincent invites us to pray the *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars.
- At all Sunday Masses, we shall sing the *Pater Noster* (the Our Father in Latin).
- There will be the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady in Coventry in the Priory Gardens next to Coventry Cathedral on Friday lunchtimes at 1.40pm.
- At West Orchard URC, there will be Lent lunches (Wednesdays 12 noon to 1pm) and Lent Groups (Thursdays at 1.30pm).

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm Margaret Roper Room. This Week, a Bring & Buy Sale, in aid of the Priests Training Fund.

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

**Funeral Rites for Fr Sean Farrell** – This Tuesday at 7pm; Wednesday at 11.30am. Both at St John Fisher Church, Wyken.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** – God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding: A Service prepared by the Christian women of Guyana. Service to be celebrated at Holy Family Church, Parkgate Rd, Holbrooks this Friday (7<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm. All welcome.

**Catholic Women's League Study Day** – This Saturday (8<sup>th</sup>) from 10.30am to lunchtime at the Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. LIFE: 40 years after the Abortion Act, and Social Awareness and its relevance today. Admission is £3-00.

**Fairtrade Fortnight** – continues until 9<sup>th</sup> March. Have you ever tried Fairtrade cocoa, or Fairtrade chocolate? Both can be purchased in our parish shop. Imagine making a difference to trade justice – by enjoying chocolate! [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Live it!** CAFOD event in Manchester – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March (10am to 5pm). Venue: Century Hall, Manchester. Speakers include Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Archbishop John Sentamu, David Wells, Pat Gaffney, Tina Beattie and many others. Anybody who wishes to go will be sponsored by the parish. Please read more about this national event at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

**Holy Week 2008 – Dates for your Diary** – The highpoint towards which all of our Lenten prayer, fasting and penance is directed is the Sacred Triduum (three days) of Holy Week, celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. You may wish to note the dates: Palm Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> March) – Normal Sunday Mass times; Parish Penance Service Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm; Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (20<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.30pm; Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (21<sup>st</sup> March) at 3.00pm and parallel Good Friday for children up to and including Year 3, in the Margaret Roper Room; the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March) at 9.00pm and Easter Day (23<sup>rd</sup>) Normal Mass times. These days give shape and meaning to our whole life of faith. If you can, please look to make Holy Week special in any way you can.

**Children's Good Friday Service beginning at 2.55pm. If you can help with planning this year, call Debbie on 76 411803**

**100 Club Winners for February** – 1<sup>st</sup> £20 Claire Fletcher; 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 Mrs Chapman; 3<sup>rd</sup> £8 Mrs Smith; 4<sup>th</sup> £7 Margaret Marren; 5<sup>th</sup> £5 Mr and Mrs Evans; 6<sup>th</sup> £4 Tara Rothwell. Thank you for supporting our school through this venture.

**Vouchers for Schools** – As these schemes begin again, please collect these, if you can, for St Thomas More Primary School.

**St Thomas More School Nursery** – The closing date for applications for places in Nursery from September 2008 is this Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Application forms are available from the School Office.

**Giving Something Back** – There is a need for more musicians to accompany the music at the Sunday 6pm Mass. Any offers?

**Hope 2008** – 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.

**CELEBRATE Family Weekend Conference** – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Princethorpe College. The *Celebrate* residential experience has taken place at Ilfracombe for many years but has now outgrown that venue, so is branching out into more local weekend holiday-conferences. For further details, please see [celebrateconference.org/heartofengland](http://celebrateconference.org/heartofengland) or call 01564 732337.

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