

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-second Sunday of the Year (C)
September 2nd 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 In memory of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

11.00am Mick Corkerry RIP

5.55pm Reception into church of May Canning RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Twenty-third Sunday of Year C)

9.00am Thanksgiving (Pears)

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm SVP Thanksgiving (Blessed Frederic Ozanam)

Weekday Masses

Monday 11.00am Funeral Mass for May Canning 6.55pm Reception into church of Joe Kendall RIP 7.00pm Sheila Colby (Anniv)

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7.00pm John Galbraith

Wednesday 9.00am Ints of Margaret Boldvin

7.00pm Mollie Shandley RIP

Thursday 9.00am Annie O'Dwyer RIP

7.00pm Ints of Staff and Governors of St Thomas More School.

Friday 9.00am Michael Brennan

7.00pm Special Intention (Gill)

Saturday 9.00am Ron Rutter RIP

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

RIP – Mick O'Sullivan, Fr Dennis Manion, Steve Hancock, Peg O'Brien, Darren Smith, Eileen Thomas, Joe Kendall, May Canning.

Anniversaries: Bp. Francis Thomas, Mgr. James Crichton, Fr. James Holland, Michael McCabe, Con Sexton, Lucy Beale, Sheila McWilliams, Vincent McWilliams, Laura Panico, Frank Smith, Alan Dawson, Sheila Colby, Jan Wachowski, Mary Quirke, Jean Leonard, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans, George Ostick, Bridget Calvin, Joseph Keane, Madge Pollard, Teresa Becket, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Catherine Bland, Mary Desmond, Barbara Cullinane, James Spencer, Annie Whitters, Francis Keogan, Margaret Johnston, Noel Bryan, Samuel Beard, Peter Meehan, Eileen Harold, Richard Skelly.

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,

Joe Flis, 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 rota when they resume soon.

Last Sunday's Collection: Main £1051-97 Thank you.

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

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

Coventry Catholic Deanery Website – A website has been set up, giving information about each of the parishes in Coventry. 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 at www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk,

Congratulations to Christopher Wright and Karen Wells who were married here yesterday, and to Gary Clifton and Kate Jones who were married in Kate's church in Devon yesterday. We ask for God's blessing on both couples throughout their married life.

Tuesday Society – Now beginning its 15th year. A 'welcome' meeting for returning and new members this week, 2pm, MRR.

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.

XExtend – Now taking a break until October.

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. 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, please let us know.

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

Journey in Faith – The 'Talks on the Catholic Faith' have taken place jointly with St John Vianney parish over the past two years, and have been attended by longstanding parishioners, by people married to Catholics and interested to hear more about the Church's teachings, and by those who are seeking to embrace the Catholic Faith. Everybody is welcome, but perhaps somebody you know attending these talks might require an invitation from you, or even your encouragement in coming with them. They will begin again soon, and as the title suggests, it is a Journey, an experience of growing in faith together. Think about how that invitation you make to somebody who is not a Catholic, or who needs some direction in their life could affect them, and possibly change their life.

Mr Cliff Jones who has been coming to our church for many years will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on Thursday 4th October at the 7pm Mass, here in our church. All parishioners are welcome to share in this special celebration.

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. **Today**, 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2008 - Saturday 24 May to Saturday 31 May 2008. Information is available from Jean or Harry on 76413381

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.

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, based at Coleshill. The closing date for applications is 5th September. Details on Tel. 01675 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, at Cardinal Newman School in Coventry on Saturday 22nd September from 9.30am to 6.00pm. Further details: maria.bracken@bcys.co.uk.

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.

Age to Age – The new album by CJM which is being released, and which is the basis for the concert they will give here in November. Read about the project, and hear some of their new – and traditional – songs at www.cjmmusic.com/age-to-age

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