

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

December 2nd 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy and give us Your saving help. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Rose & Ernest Pallett

11.00am Bill Browne RIP

6.00pm Pauline Twigger RIP

Next Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

9.00am Nick Martin (Anniv.)

11.00am John Burnett (Anniv.)

6.00pm Josephine Glynn (Anniv.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Ints of Cliff & Mary Jones 7.00pm Partnership Mass here (with Corpus Christi and St Anne's) Special Intention

Tuesday 9.15am Catherine Dempsey (Anniv.) 7.00pm Peter Mellon RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Adrianna Reeves (Anniv.) 7.00pm Ints of Jackie O'Donoghue (ill)

Thursday 9.00am Catherine McClean (Anniv.) 7.00pm Benjamin Cottrell RIP

Friday 9.00am Michael Kapusta (Anniv.) *No Evening Mass here today. Mass at St Osburg's at 6pm. All welcome.*

Saturday 9.00am Florence Tenn-Lyn RIP *Eucharistic Adoration 9.30 – 10.30am. No Confessions today.*

RIP – Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bill Browne, Ray Grant, Alice Williams, Frances Clarkson, Tony Montague.

Anniversaries – Mark Jarrett, Joseph Loughrane, Mary Blackwell, Vincent Duff, Agnes Murray, Joseph Browne, John Rattigan, Catherine Robinson, Patrick Lamb, Edna Duggan, Agnes Lane, Julia Kelly, Patricia Kerr, Ruth Higgins, Mary Ullah, Patrick Henry, Michael Flanagan, Declan Loughnane, Richard O'Callaghan, Edgar Bevan, Sabina Monaghsn, Kathleen Sullivan, Leslie Smith, Elsie Glover, Catherine McClean, Tony Mulrooney, Peter Doyle, Catherine Gallacher, Michael Jordan, Elsie Wynne, Madge Markey, John Lynch, John Fallon, Julia Byrne, James Burnett.

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, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, 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, 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, Sr Sheila Phillips, Alice Hopkins, Bill Middleton, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, James Tenn-Lyn, Dennis Kelly, Rachel Hankin, Barbara Mattock, the present needs of the Barnes-Heath family and household members of our parish.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main £1018-78 Catholic Youth Services £595-71 Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection today – responding to the aftermath of the Cyclone affecting the people of Bangladesh. Any cheques to CAFOD.

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

Readers' Rota – The new rota is available from the sacristy today.

Blessing of the Crib – The city centre crib in Smithford Way will be blessed **this afternoon** at 4pm. All parishioners welcome.

The Season of Advent begins **today**. During Advent we shall celebrate our *Partnership Masses* here on Monday evenings 3rd, 10th and 17th December; *Evening Prayer* on Sundays at 5pm; please take *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars, and we shall sing the *Salve Regina (the Latin original of the Hail Holy Queen)* at all Sunday Masses in place of the Hail Mary. During the season of Advent, when we can easily think of all that we *want* rather than *need* we shall focus on CAFOD's *livesimply* campaign.

Partnership Masses which are now a feature of our common life of prayer with St Anne's and Corpus Christi parishes, continue during Advent, and will be held here at St Thomas More on Monday evenings. Please come along if you can. The Mass is at 7pm, but there will be an hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass, which will end with Evening Prayer at 6.40pm.

Parish SVP Group – Meets tomorrow morning, after the 9am Mass, in the Guild Room. New members are always welcome.

Bicentenary of the Restored Catholic Community in Coventry - Mass this Friday at 6pm at St Osburg's – This date commemorates the building of the Church of St Mary and St Lawrence, which was built as the Catholic mission was restored in Coventry. Archbishop Vincent will be the main celebrant, as well as the Abbots of Downside and Douai Benedictine Abbeys. Priests who have served the parish (religious and diocesan) will be returning for the parish, and everybody is very welcome for this Mass. Parking at St Osburg's can be very difficult, so please be prepared to use the Belgrade Plaza Car Park and walk through the subway.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week, A Christmas Trivia Quiz. All welcome.

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

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

Save the Children – Sherry & Mince Pie Evening, together with Christmas gifts, cakes, Bring & Buy stall – Monday 3rd December from 7pm – 9pm at 90 Watercall Avenue. All proceeds will go to *Save the Children*. All parishioners welcome.

Altar Servers – Any servers who are available are most welcome to come to Sunday Evening Prayer at 5pm, the Monday evening Partnership Masses at 7pm (for the next three weeks) and St Osburg's Church at 6pm on Friday (bring your own cassock / cotta).

Advent Retreat Days – Days of recollection will be held at the Ark of the Covenant, 110 Potters Green Road on Saturday 8th December (10am to 4pm), and at Corpus Christi parish. See below.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – It is important to take the occasional opportunity to reflect on your ministry in the Church, to help you exercise it more effectively. There will be a day of reflection on *Saturday 8th December* (10am to 4pm) at Corpus Christi Convent, Ernesford Grange. The convent is located just behind the Church in Langbank Avenue. Please make an effort to go. All parishioners are very welcome to attend this day of prayer and reflection, to help re-charge the batteries before Christmas.

South Coventry Christian Churches Christmas Greeting Cards – These are to be delivered door to door in designated roads in our area of Styvechale in the coming days. Please take the cards for your road if you can, or split the road with others.

Pioneer Association – Memorial Mass for Fr McKiernan takes place on 14th December at 8pm in the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street.

Thank you – The Parish Bazaar was a great parish occasion which raised over £5000 for the parish and for charity. The Coventry Half Marathon run by parishioners to raise funds towards World Youth Day has raised £2,703 so far. Thank you for your support. Also Elizabeth Garry and family thank parishioners for all their kindness for her 50th birthday. Please keep Elizabeth in your prayers.

Giving Something Back – It is now a year since the initiative to *give something back* by way of time, talents, prayer, to the parish was launched. At that time, lists of parish jobs and ministries were given out. Many thanks to all those who have come forward in one way or another, to be more involved in the parish in the past year. The sentiment still holds good. Can you *give something back*?

Parish Shop – Parish Christmas 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! Please consider that where other shops sell religious Christmas cards, they will only continue to stock them if people buy them.

100 Club Winners for November – 1st £20 Emma Pritchett; 2nd £10 Patricia McGinty; 3rd £8 Mandy Kelly; 4th £7 Ann McLeod; 5th £5 Fr Tim (*about time too!*); 6th £4 Patrick Kelly

Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley – *The Promise* Christmas Concert – St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Friday 21st Dec at 8pm.

Diocesan Youth Festival - for young people aged 14-17. To be held at Oscott College 27th -29th June 2008. Go to bcys.co.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2008 – 23rd Sept – 2nd Oct 2008, under the leadership of Bishop William Kenney. For further details, see the notice on the board outside the Side Chapel. Early booking is recommended to guarantee a place.

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School in Coventry seeks to appoint a new Head Teacher in the Spring Term of 2008. Informal visits to the school are welcomed. For information and an application pack, please call 02476 833030.

Quinton Park Baptist Church – 50th anniversary celebrations – a party on Saturday 15th December, 4pm – 6.30pm. All welcome