

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

March 30th 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said "You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am In Memory of Pope John Paul II RIP

11.00am For The Holy Souls

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (3rd Sunday of Easter Year A)

9.00am Don Meacham (Anniv.)

11.00am William & Harriet Byatt

6.00pm Billy Jones RIP

Masses This Week

Monday 9.00am Ints of the Garry family

Tuesday 9.15am Ints of Rose Steele (sick)

Wednesday 9.00am Mac McCormack RIP

Thursday 9.00am Ints of John Burke (sick)

Friday 9.00am Special Intention (Watson / Purcell)

Saturday 9.00am Monica Cerowski RIP

today.

7.00pm Terry Brooks / Theresa Chamley RIP

7.00pm Ivy Martin RIP

7.00pm Kathleen Molloy RIP

7.00pm Ints of Teresa Mellon (sick)

No Evening Mass today

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 9.30am to 10.30am

RIP – Bishop Kevin Dunn, Fr Sean Farrell, John Mills, Betty Nash, Lillian Brennan, Esther Brooks, James Hargreaves, Theresa Duignan.

Anniversaries – Abp. Thomas Williams, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli, Mgr. Daniel Leonard, Bp. Anthony Emery, Frederick O'Grady, Sr. Isobel Harrington, Johanna O'Connell, Mary Healey, Walter Roche, Ronald Stokes, Anne Norden, Sheila Ferguson, Helen Raven,

Teresa McGavin, Seamus O'Malley, James Costello, Martin Keane, Brigid Conboy, Frances Clifford, Sarah Simpson, Bridie Swain,

Cornelius Harrington, Margaret Smith,, Tom Norris, Johanna Hogan, Florence Horner, Andrew Brogan, George Baker,

Isobel Collins, Kevin Price, Michael Waters, Christopher King, Evan Williams, Bridget Ryan, Patrick Jenkins, John Cleary,

Winifred North, John McCabe, Kathleen Brindley, Monica Watson, Danny Butler, Michael James, Daniel Burns, Jack Ashforth.

Sick List – Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Rev. Tony Colby, Fr Louis Purcell, 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, Laura Smallwood, P J Barrett, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Violet Crofts, Tommy Wainwright, and housebound parishioners.

Recent Collections: Thank you for your kind and generous Easter Offerings to the Clergy of the Parish.

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places came to **£629-31.**

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Walk With Me – The Easter to Pentecost Walk With Me booklets and calendars are available today. Please take one. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days, and it is a season of the Holy Spirit, drawing out the meaning of the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead, and whose power and inspiration guided the apostles through Christ's ascension to the great experience of Pentecost.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions – **Today**, 30th March, beginning at 1.30pm at St Mary & St Benedict, Raglan Street. Includes the Blessing of the Image, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Veneration of the Image and St Faustina relic. Mass will be celebrated at approximately 3.45pm. Speaker – Fr Alphonse Muras Chacha (Apostle of Jesus).

This Evening – You are invited to Evensong at 5pm at St James' Church, Leamington Road. It is a custom of the South Coventry Churches to pray together on the evening of the 5th Sunday of the month, where it occurs. Please feel free to take up this invitation.

Annunciation of the Lord – As this important feast of the Church's year fell during Easter Week this year, it will be celebrated on the first available day after the Easter Octave – that is tomorrow (Monday 31st). Mass times will be as normal: 9am and 7pm.

Group for those experiencing Memory Problems – The Next meeting of this group – either for you if you experience difficulties with your memory, or if you care for somebody in this situation is **tomorrow (Monday)** at 7.30pm. Margaret Roper Room. There is help and advice available within the parish, and the support of others in similar situations. All Welcome.

Extend – The group meets this week, at 10.00am on Thursday in the Margaret Roper Room. Gentle exercise, seated and to music for older people. All welcome. For further details, please contact Roy on 76 414887.

World Youth Day Meeting – There is a meeting this Thursday (3rd) at 7pm at Coleshill for those going to World Youth Day. We shall leave from St Thomas More at 6.30pm. The event includes a shared table, so please bring some food to share.

Financial Contributions to the Parish – Thank you for your generosity towards the running of the parish throughout the year. You are asked to consider this again in the coming year. It is possible that you do not use the envelope system that the church operates. It works in two ways: either by taking a box of envelopes and placing anything you wish into the envelope each week; or **if you pay tax** you can take a box of envelopes, and then anything you give can be Gift Aided to the parish, which is a registered charity. This amounts to 25p for every £1 given. Please collect your envelopes today if you can. Mr Tony Curristan will be very happy to discuss any matters of this kind with you. Please phone him on 76 411280, or call into the Guild Room today for more information. A good example of Gift Aid is the recent *Let the Children Live* collection. Total: £6,249 (of which £849 was Gift Aid).

Hope 2008 – Coventry Praise at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 6th April at 7.30pm. This will continue the momentum after the success of the recent Cheylesmore Festival, and parishioners are encouraged to be part of this major Christian gathering.

Maryvale Institute – There will be a Lecture on Pope Benedict's First Encyclical Letter 'God is Love'. It will be given by Cardinal Josef Cordes, President of the Pontifical Council 'Cor Unum'. Tuesday 8th April at 2.30pm. Further details: 0121 360 8118.

Parish Young Adults' Group – meets again on Sunday 13th April after 6pm Mass in the Margaret Roper Room. Shared table.

The Journey of Faith programme will continue shortly. It is a way of introducing new people to the faith of the Catholic Church, as well as an opportunity for Catholics to learn more about their faith. Why not invite a friend or member of your family to come along to these talks. Many people are interested in what Catholics believe, and might just be waiting to be asked.

Holiday - 2 places available on a trip to Benidorm from Saturday 26 April to Saturday 3 May from B'ham airport. Half-board at the Hotel Don Pancho. Cost £401 each. Some members of the parish Tuesday Society are going on the trip. Contact Jean 76413381.

Parish Day of Exposition and Prayer for Vocations – Our day, this year, will be Thursday 10th April. This annual day is marked by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Church all day. It begins with Morning Prayer, and then there is an opportunity for all parishioners – including the children from St Thomas More School – to spend some moments of prayer in the church. The day concludes with the 7pm Mass. Please make a note of this date, and try to call in at some stage on the day. Whilst prayer for vocations to the priesthood is always important, it takes on special significance because of Edward Cerowski, from our parish, now studying for the priesthood. Also we continue to pray for seminarians who have worked in our parish: Craig Szmidt and Michael Glover.

Parish Fete & Feast Day of St Thomas More – Sunday 22nd June 2008 – Please keep this date free – for Masses to celebrate our Parish Feast Day, and the Parish Fete. The planning for the Fete will begin on Monday 7th April at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. As this will be a day of celebration for our Feast Day, it would be good to make special efforts to make the Fete a memorable one. An early request for anybody who might be able to offer raffle prizes, tickets to events, prizes offered by employers, and other attractive experiences will be most gratefully received. Perhaps you have never been involved in the Fete but have good ideas for how we can make this day special. Do come along to the meeting on Monday 7th and share your ideas and offers of help. Thank you.

Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire – 'Getting our message across' with Rev. Mervyn Roberts (Radio Presenter and Diocesan Communications Officer) Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at 7.30pm at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church.

Jim Bailey Family Show - 'The best kids show for grown ups' at St Martin's Church, Green Lane, Finham, on Saturday 26th April at 3pm. Parishioners from St Thomas More are warmly invited to this event. Costs £4. For further details, see jimbailey.org.

Vouchers for Schools – As these schemes continue, please collect these, if you can, for St Thomas More Primary School. Thank you to all those who have handed in vouchers so far. They are much appreciated and the school benefits greatly from them.

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