

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-sixth Sunday of the Year (C)
September 30th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to Me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am James Spooner / Joseph Perry RIP

11.00am Thanksgiving (Terry & Elizabeth Wilson)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Twenty-seventh Sunday of Year C)

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Norman Pearson (Anniv.)

6.00pm Ints of Bishop William Kenney

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Darren Smith RIP

Tuesday 11.00am Funeral Mass for Mrs Janet Lavelle **7.00pm** Eugene McGee RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Keith Briars **7.00pm** Les Riddell

Thursday 9.15am Whole School & Parish Mass **7.00pm** Mass of Reception into the Catholic Church of Mr Cliff Jones

Friday 9.00am Ints of Bill & Ann Queenan **7.00pm** Ints of Mark Seddon

Saturday 9.00am Gerard Brydan

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

RIP – Janet Lavelle, Fr John Bale, Fr Richard Dinnis, Fr Patrick Meagher, Joe Kendall, May Canning, Percy Parker.

Anniversaries:- Doherty Babies, Annie Kennedy, Christopher Simmons, Cecilia Turrell, Annie Byrne, Arthur Upham, Terry Duffy,

Thomas Higgins, Maud Grace, Noreen Bickerstaff, Joseph Harrison, Norman Pearson, Anney Nursey, Albert Allen, John Bremend, Michael McEvoy, George Dowse, Aiden Higgins, Mary Murphy, Ann Gallagher, John Carroll, John Holton, Danny Bedding, Liliano Wachowski, Thomas Canway, Paul Regan, Patrick Malone, Martin Clifford, Patrick O'Connor, Stan Wagstaffe, Ian Reilly, Ronald Brown, Andrew Clark, Andrew Neeson, Charles Cullinane, Elizabeth Hayes.

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, Anne Thomson, Joe Flis, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Mary Doran, Madeleine Philips, Ruby Wilson, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, 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, Bill Middleton, Maria Bracken, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher and the household.

Tea and coffee – After the 9am and 11am Masses. Thankyou for your generosity last Sunday. The refreshments after the 9am Mass raised an amazing £140 towards World Youth Day fundraising. Many thanks to all who contributed cakes and biscuits. Tea and coffee after the 9am Mass is now in its 8th year. Last year it raised £1,387-90 for CAFOD. Over £10,000 raised in 8 years. The hospitality after the 11am Mass is now becoming more established. Please take the opportunity to stay after this Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1314-39. Thank you for your generosity. **There is no Second Collection at Masses today.**

CAFOD FAST DAY – Envelopes are available today for this Friday's Fast Day. Please take one, and make Friday a day on which to go without some food, and be in solidarity with the poorest people in our world who have no choice but to go without food. The envelopes for this collection will be collected in the Second Collection next Sunday. Please *Gift Aid* your offering if possible.

Welcome to Fr Bill Wilton, the Director of Soli House Youth Retreat Centre in Stratford upon Avon who celebrates Masses today.

Youth Group – Please note that the Youth Group will **not** meet this evening, but will meet next Sunday and the following Sunday.

South Coventry Churches – We shall host the Christian churches of South Coventry here this Sunday evening (30th) at 7.30pm. It will be a service of prayer, followed by refreshments, and it would be good if parishioners could be here to welcome our friends.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary – The rosary can be prayed together with others or on your own. It is prayed at the statue of Our Lady of Coventry, Priory Grounds to the left of Coventry Cathedral, every Friday in October at 1.40pm. All welcome.

Next Sunday – The Reverend Andrew de Ville, Minister of Woodside Avenue and Earlsdon Methodist churches will speak at all Masses. This is a 'return visit' as Fr Timothy preached at Woodside Avenue earlier in the year. We look forward to his visit.

The 6pm Mass next Sunday will be a Mass of Commissioning in preparation for Confirmation for the children of Year 6.

SVP – meets tomorrow morning after the 9am Mass, in the Guild Room. Are you free to come and find out more about its work?

World Youth Day 2008 – Today, sponsorship forms will be available to sponsor parishioners who are running the Coventry Half Marathon in October half term, to raise money to send young people from our parish to World Youth Day next year.

The participants for World Youth Day are: Steven Armstrong, Amy Baker, Hannah Baker, James Haywood, Matthew Haywood, Katie Lee, Laura Martin, Katherine Pears, Robert Pears, Eleanor Poole. Some of them will speak at Masses today about the trip.

The runners for the half marathon are: Fr Timothy, Phil Savage, Rob Ridley, Annemarie Vincent-Poole, Caroline Duignan, Caroline McHugh, Anna Donnelly, Peter Davies, Paul Wilkinson, Victoria Jones, Steven Armstrong. You may wish to make a general pledge of sponsorship, but if you know one of the runners, you may wish to sponsor them individually, and they will have sponsor forms.

Tuesday Society – Bob Earnshaw will speak on *Magistrates: What are they? What do they do?* MRR, 2pm - 4 pm. All welcome.

Parish Bazaar will be on **Friday 23rd November**. Please keep the date free. Planning meeting: Monday 8th October, 7.30pm.

Stepping Stones – The Parents and Toddlers parish-based group has begun again. *There is need for help with this group, setting up and clearing away.* You will be part of a team and always supervised. Please speak to Fr Timothy asap if you can help.

Extend – Wellbeing and movement to music for older people. Begins again this week – Thursday at 10am in the MRR. All welcome

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.

Harvest Mass – This Thursday's morning Mass (at 9.15am) will be a whole school Mass to which parents and parishioners are invited, celebrating the fruits of the harvest, in connection with the celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on that day.

Journey in Faith – **Please note that there is no talk at St John Vianney this Thursday.** On Thursday evening, this week, we shall celebrate the Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church (and the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and of the Eucharist) to Mr Cliff Jones. All parishioners are most welcome at this Mass.

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.

Centenary of Scouting – Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Scouting, for Scouts and Guides and their families, at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday 6th October at 12.30pm. All those with links with the movement past and present are welcome.

Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire – A discussion on the meaning of communion and community, entitled: *Does the breaking of bread unite or divide us?* Led by Sr Cecily Boulding OP former member of ARCIC (Anglican / Roman Catholic Dialogue). To be held on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church. All welcome.

Diocesan Annual Justice and Peace Assembly – Saturday 13th October at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Whitefields Road, Solihull. The theme of this year's assembly will be *Stewards of Creation: Living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor.* For further details on this event and other Justice and Peace initiatives, please see www.birminghamjandp.org.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.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008 – If you – or anybody you know (living in St Thomas More parish) has a child now in Year 3 who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in the coming year, or a child in Year 6 who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year, please let Fr Timothy have written details of your request as soon as possible. Courses for those not at St Thomas More school will begin this autumn.

Mass Offerings – Please *write down* the name of the person for whom you wish a Mass to be offered, with your offering.

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