

# 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 the Year (A)

February 3rd 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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**Responsorial Psalm:** How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father. Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** People of the Parish  
**11.00am** Ints of Tom Cash & Ann Rooney (Marriage)  
**6.00pm** Brian Collins RIP

## Next Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A)

**9.00am** Ints of Mary and Cliff Jones (Wedding Anniv.)  
**11.00am** Joan Harbourne RIP  
**6.00pm** For Peace in Kenya.

## Weekday Masses (No Evening Mass on Friday but morning Masses at 7am and 9am)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Chrissie Kelly RIP	<b>10.00am</b> <u>Funeral Service for Mr Tommy Brogan</u>	<b>7.00pm</b> Betty Colby RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Pearl Wyles RIP		<b>7.00pm</b> Michael Brennan RIP
<b>Ash Wednesday – a day of fasting and abstinence</b>	<b>9.15am</b> For the Hungry of the world		<b>7.00pm</b> For the work of CAFOD.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Giuseppe Acardi RIP		<b>7.00pm</b> Brian Finch RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.00am</b> Special Intention	<b>9.00am</b> Ints of Cecilia Street	<b>No Evening Mass today</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Nora McHale (Anniv.)	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30am to 10.30am.</i>	

**RIP** – Tommy Brogan, Kathleen Molloy, Dorothy Apedaile, Marie Ainsworth, Joan Harbourne, Joyce Donoghue, John Bromell, Fr Philip Garrett, Rosanna Grogan, Liz Milling, Margaret Freeman.

**Anniversaries:-** Abp. Frederick Keating, Fr. John Watkins, John Griffin, Helen Mee, James Dempsey, Maureen McQuade, Philip Adams, John Keegan, John Ford, Margaret Jenkins, Teresa McLaughlin, Charles Greenshaw, Martin Kinsella, Gloria Barnett, Sarah McElvie, James Keeney, Andrew Murphy, Ivy Martin, William O'Mahoney, Kevin O'Neil, Edward Clay, John Gallagher, Bridget Warrington, Bridget Warburton, William Rutledge, Winnie Williams, Edith Wright, Edna Lewis, Mary Waring, Alice Wilson,

Valentine Keane, Kazimeirz Karwowski, Mary Keeney, Catherine Spreckley, Evelyn Ward, Ivy McCarthy, Nora McHale.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Rev. Tony Colby, Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, Rose Green, Jack Holloway, John Leach, 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, Dennis Kelly, 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, and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collections:** Main £ 1115-75 Catholic Education Council £563-55. Thank you for your generosity.

**Readers Rota** – The new rota, available from the sacristy, starts today. Please take a copy today to look ahead to your turn.

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

**Tuesday Society** – Begins at **1.30pm** this week for the lunch. There is no meeting the following week (Half term).

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

**Journey in Faith** – Continues this Thursday evening at 7.45pm at St John Vianney, Bishopton Close, Mount Nod. All welcome.

**Parish Youth Group** – Meets **this evening** after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room.

**100 Club Winners for January** – 1<sup>st</sup> £20 Victoria Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 Sonja P Kaur; 3<sup>rd</sup> £8 Kate Connelly; 4<sup>th</sup> £7 Mrs McPherson; 5<sup>th</sup> £5 Maria Edwards; 6<sup>th</sup> £4 Anna Donnelly. Thank you to all who support this school fundraising venture.

**The Season of Lent in St Thomas More Parish** – Ash Wednesday is **this Wednesday** (6<sup>th</sup> February). You are asked to make this day one of special penitential observance: a day of fasting, and abstaining from meat, alcohol, and other unnecessary pleasures. Mass times on Ash Wednesday are **9.15am (with Years 4, 5 and 6 from the primary school)** and **7.00pm**.

Ash Wednesday Services will be celebrated in school for the other year groups.

During the season of Lent:

- we shall celebrate partnership Masses with Corpus Christi and St Anne's on Tuesday evenings (from next week).
- As last year, there will be a 7am Mass in the side chapel on Fridays (beginning this Friday).
- 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, which are available today.
- 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).

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** - *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February* is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apparitions at Lourdes by Our Lady to Bernadette. It is a Jubilee Year of celebration at the shrine in Lourdes. Perhaps if you have been to Lourdes, or know somebody who has, this would be a special day to come to Mass to reflect on God's grace in your life – or somebody close to you who experienced a pilgrimage the shrine.. For those who have not been to Lourdes before, it is appropriate to be associated with this Feast of the Church, as it will be celebrated on the day in Lourdes. It is World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The Mass times that day will be as normal: 9am and 7pm.

**Mass Intentions and Offerings** – There are new envelopes available for Mass intentions in our parish. It is important to note that for a specific anniversary Mass, it is worth making your request about 3 months in advance to secure the date. Also, please note that even fixed Mass intentions can be moved due to unforeseen circumstances. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate specific dates, some flexibility is needed. The envelopes are available in the sacristy, in the parish shop and at the back of church. The process of requesting a Mass for a particular intention **always** requires the name of the intention being written down, and so these envelopes should assist us all. As it is customary to make an offering for the celebration of a Mass (this is not a charge, but an offering), it might be helpful for those not familiar with requesting Masses, that the going rate is now considered to be £5-00. It is also understood that by requesting a Mass intention, it is not sponsorship of a Mass, as every Mass is offered for all of God's people, living and dead.

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

**Hope 2008** – The 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. Any ideas for such an opportunity, or offers of involvement, would be most welcome.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars** – Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, for 7 weeks, at the Ark of the Covenant House of Prayer and Evangelisation, 110 Potters Green Road, Coventry. For further details, please phone Fr David Keniry on 76 604144.

**Oscott College Public Lecture** – Professor Nicholas Lash on 'The Impossibility of Atheism'. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. The lecture will be followed by informal discussion and ends with Night Prayer. All welcome. Free admission. Oscott Address: B73 5AA

**St Chad's Cathedral (Birmingham) Fundraising Dance** – This Friday, (8<sup>th</sup>) at 8pm. Further details: 0121 236 2251.

**Healing Conference and Service** with *Monsignor Michael Buckley*. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 4pm at Manchester Grammar School, Old Hall Lane, Manchester M13 0XT. Please bring own lunch. Details: [www.healingelshaddaifrbuckley.org](http://www.healingelshaddaifrbuckley.org).

**Lenten Retreat Day** at Princethorpe Retreat and Conference Centre. This Saturday (9<sup>th</sup>) from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Cost £15 which includes a light lunch. Please book your place as early as possible. Tel 07901 858687.

**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill** – Going through the House of Lords this week: [www.parliamentaryprolife.org.uk](http://www.parliamentaryprolife.org.uk).

**Ann Widdecombe and guests** will be speaking at a rally on Life Issues at Coventry Cathedral: Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm.

**Parish Fete 2008** – This year's Fete will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, which is the Feast of our patron, St Thomas More.

**The Hudson Way Bike Ride 2008** – Are you – or a member of your family – a keen cyclist who is up for a challenge this year? This major fundraising event for Fr Hudson's Society will be from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July, For more information phone: 01675 434000.