

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

May 4th 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am In Thanksgiving (Alison & Rachel Stokes)

11.00am Daphne Lister RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Pentecost Sunday Year A)

9.00am Rose Clarke (Anniv.)

11.00am Joseph & Rose Harvey

6.00pm People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Bank Holiday Monday 10.00am Nick Martin RIP

Tuesday **9.15am** Ints of John Ross (sick) **6.55pm** *Reception into Church of Vincent Rutter RIP* **7.00pm** Ron Rutter RIP

Wednesday **11.00am** *Funeral Mass for Vincent Rutter*

7.00pm Michael Grant (sick)

Thursday **9.00am** Nora McHale RIP

7.00pm Sheila O'Driscoll (Anniv.)

Friday **9.00am** James Whelan RIP

7.00pm Alice Hopkins (sick)

Saturday **9.00am** Margaret Warman *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am to 10.30am.* **No Confessions today**

RIP – Liz Parrott, Leon Simmons, Jeff Blackwell, Patrick Nixon, Daphne Lister. Marlene Hubbard, Kenneth Spiller, Vincent Rutter, Ken Pickett, Angela Poole-Chivers, Joyce Taylor.

Anniversaries:- Canon Bernard Hirrill, Fr. James Dutton, Bp. Joseph Gray, Deacon James Duffy, Patrick Jenkins, John Cleary, Winifred North, John McCabe, Kathleen Brindley, Monica Watson, Danny Butler, Michael James, Daniel Burns, Jack Ashforth, Helen Raven, Bridie Swain, Sheila O'Driscoll, Patrick McAree, Peter Monnelly, John Gallacher, Simone Tyler, Samantha Thomas, Beatrice Duffy, Rosemary Maguire, James Harper, Annie Clay, Francis Mullen, Harriet Byatt, Mary Smith, James Reilly, John Printy, Michael Powell, Norman Adams, Hugh Berrill, Sybill Pearson, Andrew Jarram, John McGeacham, Patrick Browne, Stella Bourke, Martha Murphy, Arthur Glass, Kitty Molyneux, Philip Murphy, Kathleen Bloore, Cuth Myatt, Peggy Pimlott, Catherine Dempsey, Chrissie Evans, Dorothy Ward, Brenda Wachowski, James Gilroy, Thomas Brown, Kevin Mountford, Marguerite Twigger.

Sick List – Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Rev. Tony Colby, Fr Louis Purcell, Fr Anthony Frainey, Ian Crawley, Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, John Leach, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Ann Brown, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley, 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, Esme Pain, Warren Luyt, Jonjo Rooney, Alice Hopkins, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Bill Middleton, Sr. Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Kitty Budkiewicz, Sr Sheila Phillips, Helen Freeman, Dolores Hackett, Mary Jones, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Tony Armstrong, Matthew Plant, Geraldine Batley, Laura Smallwood, Tina Larque, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Tommy Wainwright, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, William Mullen, Edna Bevins, Teresa Johnson,

Aileen Clifford, David Gormal, PJ Barrett and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main £1465-34

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection Today:- World Communications Day – towards the Church's important work in the media.

Next Sunday – Pentecost – Please continue the recent custom of our parish by wearing something red to Mass next Sunday!

The 6pm Mass next Sunday is an Enrolment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our children in Year 5. All Welcome.

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

Parish Youth Group - meets **today** after the 6pm Mass. Margaret Roper Room. Year 6 and above now welcome.

Readers Rota – The new rota is available from the sacristy today. Thank you to all those who proclaim the Word of God.

Tuesday Society – A talk about the Peace House in Bethlehem, by Ann Farr. 2pm – 4pm. All welcome.

Extend - Meets this Thursday as normal

Memory Group – will meet on Monday 12th May at 7.30pm.

Journey in Faith – Please note: This Thursday (8th May) the session will be replaced by a talk at St John Vianney for teachers of our area by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, at 7.00pm. All members of the Journey in Faith group and other parishioners welcome. Next Thursday, there will be a session in which participants may 'Ask the Panel' questions of faith.

On **Thursday 15th May** at 7.30pm, there will be a Mass at St John Vianney, to celebrate the Easter Sacraments, with those who have received them this year, but also as an anniversary celebration for those who have been received into the Church at any time.

Parish Young Adults Group – Meets next Sunday after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

May is the Month of Mary – The Rosary will be prayed each Friday at 1.40pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry, in town.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – This year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 10th May. It will be led by Archbishop Vincent. There will be a coach for the Coventry Deanery going from St Osburg's Church. It will leave at 8.50am and return to Coventry approx 8.30pm. The cost is £11 which is transport and pilgrimage costs. Packed lunch is recommended, and clothes for all weathers! If you would like to be part of this pilgrimage, please give your name to Fr Timothy, in writing.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Any petitions you would like presented at the shrine at Lourdes can be placed in the box provided. No money should be included with these petitions. **Candles** – If you would like to make a contribution to the cost of candles bought in Lourdes for our church, and lit on Sundays at the Statue of Our Lady, please do so. This may be given to one of the clergy.

Parish Fete – Sunday 22nd June – The next planning meeting for the fete is on Monday 19th May at 7.30pm. **Helpers Needed:** There are many stalls that depend on helpers, and we need groups of friends who could take responsibility for a particular stall. Please think about offering your help in this way. It would be good to begin hearing now from groups who can offer their help. Thank you.

Coventry Pioneer Association – Golden Jubilee Celebration Rally on Saturday 17th May, beginning with Mass at 6pm, followed by refreshments and dancing in the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, Coventry. All welcome to join in the celebrations.

Oscott College Presents: Singing Seminarians: An Evening of Assorted Music on Saturday 7th June at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. For more details or to book tickets, please contact tickets@oscott.org. Proceeds to charities *Right to Life* and *Cenacolo*.

Euro 2008 – Just in case you thought there was nothing of interest in the Summer Football competition without any British or Irish teams playing, then think again! Chris Noonan, one of our parishioners and youth leaders has an England top that has been signed by many of the England team, including David Beckham on the occasion of his 100th England cap. To win this, there will be a competition to predict the scores in this competition (all for £1 entry fee). Forms will be available from next Sunday.

Cardinal Newman School seeks to appoint a Lay Chaplain. For further information, please contact the school on 76 332382.

Coventry Philharmonic Choir – Concert on Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm at Methodist Central Hall Coventry. Tickets: £8-00.

Alton Castle – There is an *Activity Day* at the Castle on Saturday 17th May from 10am to 4pm. This is a rare event for anybody who wishes to go and look round the Castle, or to participate in archery, trekking, rock climbing will be most welcome. The cost of the day is £5 (adults) and £2 (children). Light refreshments are available throughout the day. Contact: 01538 703224 for both notices.

World Youth Day – There will be a Fundraising Car Wash during Sunday Masses on 18th May. You will be invited to have your car washed as you arrive at Masses on that day. Donations will go towards the trip to Sydney this July. Thank you for all the support you have given to this venture so far. It is much appreciated by the young people who will be going, and their families.

WYD Commissioning Mass at St Chad's Cathedral for participants and their families – Sunday 11th May at 2.00pm. We can arrange transport to this Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent. Please notify Fr Timothy of number for each family.

St Marie's Nursery & Catholic Infant School, Rugby, Warwickshire, is looking for an Assistant Headteacher who is a practising Catholic or has sympathy with the Catholic ethos. For Applications please phone 01788 542203. Closing date - 9th May.

Re:Act Diocesan Youth Festival – to be held at Oscott College from 27th to 29th June. Organised by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service, this event is open to Year 10+ aged students. Accommodation will be camping, and there will be many and varied activities during the weekend. Now is the time for young people from our parish to get together and think about going. so if you would like to be considered for a place, please speak to Fr Timothy as soon as possible, and find out more about the event.

Vouchers for Schools – Many thanks for the vouchers received so far. Please keep them coming. They are all appreciated.