

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Thirty-first Sunday of the Year (C)

November 4<sup>th</sup> 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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**Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless Your name for ever, O God, my King.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens, Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

9.00am Keith Briars

11.00am Bereaved Families of the Parish

6.00pm People of the Parish

## Next Sunday (Thirty-second Sunday of Year C)

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Patricia Pearce RIP

6.00pm Ellen Duffy (Anniv.)

## Weekday Masses

**Monday 9.00am** In memory of Canon Patrick Smith, Founder of this Parish

**Tuesday 9.15am** Alan Stock RIP

**Wednesday 9.00am** John & Mary Murray

**Thursday 9.00am** Holy Souls

**Friday 9.00am** Michael McHale (Anniv.)

**Saturday 9.00am** Deceased Members of Hussey & Merrick families

*Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.30 – 10.30am.*

**No Evening Mass today**

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**7.00pm** Eileen Murphy (Anniv.)

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**RIP** – Bill Browne, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Agnes McGroarty, David Conry, Ray Grant, Gilbert Corbett, Becky Kingston.

**Anniversaries:-** Canon Patrick Smith, Mgr. Bernard Gould, Canon Eugene O'Sullivan, William Moriarty, John Ryan, Elizabeth Stapleton, Annie Gallagher, Patrick Lawler, Michael McHale, John Murray, Mrs. J. Murray, William Brownhill, Kathleen Glynn, Tom Connor, Ruth Brown, Robert Mallett, Tracy Evans, Desmond Eady, Maud Norman, Alex Ewing, George Glover, Baby Thomas Jurczak, Nora O'Donovan, John Dunne, Eileen Hanlon, John North, Agnes Simmonds, Sarah Donoghue, Wiktor Daron, Charles Daniel, David Kelly, Jane Johnson, Martin Humber, Mary O'Sullivan, Michael McHale, Mary Smith, Edward McGinn, William Turner, Desmond Winter, Peter Maguire, Doris Pinches, Margaret Grady, Danuta Koltun.

**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, Joe Flis, John Leach, Anne Thomson, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Mary Doran, Madeleine Philips, Ruby Wilson, 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, 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 Gallagher, Marlene Hubbard, Patrick McClean, Abp Maurice Couve de Murville, James Tenn-Lyn and housebound members of our parish.

**Last Sunday's Collections:** *Main* £1169-99 *Holy Family Home for the Needy* £1914-03 Thank you for your generosity.

Mrs Mary Skaag who spoke at last Sunday's Masses thanks you for your welcome, your immense generosity and your prayers.

**Today** – is the Annual Collection for the Johnson Association for Sick and Retired Clergy. Please use special gift aid Envelopes.

**Today's** 9am Mass will be animated by the Children of Year 3, preparing for the Sacraments. The 11am Mass is a Mass of Remembrance and Prayer for those who have been bereaved in the past year. We welcome you. Refreshments follow this Mass.

**November is the Month dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory** – There is the customary opportunity for you to place the names of your deceased loved ones in front of the altar during the month of November. Please do not place any money – even in envelopes – in this box. It is simply for names. They will be remembered especially at all Masses during this month.

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

**Parish Youth Group** – meets today after the 6pm Mass. **Also**, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November is National Youth Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. As ever, we shall celebrate the faith of our young parishioners on that day. The parish Brownies and Guides will be in uniform and participate in a special way in a 'Church parade' at the 9.00am Mass on that day.

**SVP – Next Sunday**, there will be a Second Collection for the work for the poor and needy of our own parish, carried out on our behalf by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. During the last 12 months SVP members have made 350 - 400 visits to the sick and housebound. £716 has been distributed to the needy, to refugees, to tithes supporting SVP disaster projects and to our twinned conferences in India and the Sudan. Please remember that all of this work by the parish SVP is done on behalf of us all.

**Parish Bazaar - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** Please keep the date free. The next planning meeting is *this Wednesday at 7.30pm*. As last year, we are looking for imaginative prizes for our Charity Auction; from next Sunday, please now bring: bottles, soft toys, good quality gifts. Home-baked cakes needed on the night. **Parish Bazaar Raffle Tickets are available today. Please take some.**

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm, Margaret Roper Room. All welcome. This week: ‘Metal Detection & its findings’ – Brian Pollard.

**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.

**Stepping Stones** – The Parents and Toddlers parish-based group meets in the Margaret Roper Room (in church) on Friday lunchtimes from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. All welcome. A good opportunity to meet other parents and become part of the parish.

**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.

**St Thomas More Parish hosts a day on Music and Liturgy – This Saturday (10<sup>th</sup>)** The Society of St Gregory which promotes good music and liturgy in the Church, holds an Annual James Crichton Lecture. This year, the annual lecture is going to be held here, and all parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend. The title of the talk will be: *Liturgy and Ecumenism – Can Christians Still Pray Together?* It will be given by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, a priest of the Diocese of Northampton, and somebody who has much experience at a pastoral level, in liturgy, ecumenism and education. The talk will be in the Margaret Roper Room, and then there will be a celebration of Evening Prayer, in church. The lecture is at 2.15pm. To find out more about the Society and its work, previous summer schools and future events: [www.ssg.org.uk](http://www.ssg.org.uk).

**Coventry Deanery Mass for Vocations** – Now an annual event, we are encouraged to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life, especially from within the parishes of this great city with such a strong Catholic history. We can also pray for Edward Cerowski, from our parish, who has begun his studies for the priesthood, in Spain. We continue to remember in our prayers our students for the priesthood from the past two summers: Craig Szmidt and Michael Glover at Oscott. The Mass will be held on the evening of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Sacred Heart Church, Harefield Road, Stoke, Coventry. All parishioners are most welcome.

**CJM Music** – Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley will be here at St Thomas More, as part of a concert tour to launch their latest CD called *Age to Age* – a project to bridge the generation gap in Church music. Their CD includes hymns such as *Soul of my Saviour, Salve Regina and Yahweh, I know you are near*. It will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. It is open to all parishioners and friends. Tickets are £5-00 and are now available from Fr Timothy. To find out more about CJM’s music ministry, see [www.cjmmusic.com](http://www.cjmmusic.com).

**First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2008** – Please give your details to Fr Timothy as soon as possible, together with the name and age of your child, and the programme he / she wishes to follow in the coming year.

**Thank you** – Sheila Browne and family thank you for the support and comfort they received on the occasion of Bill’s death and funeral. The many Mass cards and expressions of sympathy are very much appreciated.

**World Youth Day – Thank you** – Sponsorship and donations for the Coventry Half Marathon have now exceeded £2,000. Donations and sponsor money are still coming in, and your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you to sponsors and runners.

**Love in a Box** – ‘Operation Christmas Child’ invites you – together with the families at St Thomas More School – to send a shoe box of gifts for a child in need this Christmas. Leaflets are available at the back of church. They need to be at school by this Friday.

**Schools Vouchers** – Your collection of sports vouchers for use by St Thomas More Primary School would be much appreciated.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for all those involved in Church Music** – to be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, in St Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Rehearsal 2.30 pm, Break 4.30 pm; Mass 5.30 pm. Music for everyone, of all abilities, from plainsong to contemporary pieces. Music is available and can be acquired if need be. For further details on this Mass or other events for Church musicians throughout the diocese, please see the website at [www.abcm.org.uk](http://www.abcm.org.uk)