

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

April 6th 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

Mr. Malcolm Pollard (Tel. 7641 3011)

Responsorial Psalm: Show us Lord, the path of life.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Don Meacham (Anniv.)

11.00am William & Harriet Byatt

6.00pm Billy Jones RIP

Next Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter Year A)

9.00am Kathleen Staines (Anniv.)

11.00am Sheila Coogan (Anniv.)

6.00pm Thomas and June Deegan

Masses This Week (Please note: Wednesday evening Mass 6.45pm. Thursday Mass at 7pm only: Morning Prayer at 9.15am.)

Monday 9.00am Liz Parrott RIP

7.00pm Nelli Gangemi RIP

Tuesday 9.15am Mollie Bennett RIP

7.00pm Peter Gill RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Chrissie Kelly RIP

6.45pm Fr Pat McCarthy RIP

Thursday 9.15am – Morning Prayer

7.00pm For Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life

Friday 9.00am In thanksgiving

7.00pm Jack Robinson (Anniv.)

Saturday 9.00am Laurence Ryan (Anniv.) **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 9.30am to 10.30am today.**

RIP – Liz Parrott, Lillian Brennan, Theresa Duignan, Lee Simmons, Malachy Ryan, Jeff Blackwell, Violet Crofts.

Anniversaries – Fr. Kevin Preston, Fr. Michael McManus, Patrick McAree, Peter Monnelly, John Gallacher, Simone Tiler, 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, Dorothy Ward, Brenda Wachowski, James Gilroy, Thomas Brown, Kevin Mountford, Marguerite Twigger, Dennis Clifford, John Rutledge, Joseph McSorley, Mary Tighe, Catherine Regan, June Deegan, Thomas Kane, Patricia Phillips.

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, Alice Hopkins, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Bill Middleton, Sr. Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Sonia Carvell, Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Sr Sheila Phillips, 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, Geraldine Batley, Laura Smallwood, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Tommy Wainwright, Annie Murphy, Liz Parrott, Tina Larque, Veronica Grimshaw, William Mullen and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1054-50 Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, there will be a Second Collection for the Priests Training Fund.

Catholic Today – The new edition of the Diocesan Newspaper, featuring Viv Bateson MBE at the Palace, is out today. 50pence.

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

Hope 2008 – Coventry Praise at Coventry Cathedral this evening (Sunday) 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.

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

Tuesday Society - resumes this week with a quiz. Everyone is welcome in the Margaret Roper room from 2 pm - 4 pm.

Extend – meets this Thursday at 10.00am in the MRR. Gentle, seated, exercise for older people. All welcome.

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 28p 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). **More fascinating facts about Parish Finance:** Several parishioners choose to make their contribution to the parish by Standing Order. Please contact Tony Curristan on the number given above if this option interests you. **Also**, if you go to another Coventry parish for a weekend Mass, you can put your St Thomas More envelope into the collection, and it will be returned to us.

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.

The Journey of Faith programme will continue on Thursday 17th April, at St John Vianney Church. All welcome. *Training Day for those interested in adult catechesis, leading Journey in Faith /RCIA* – **here at St Thomas More this Saturday (12th) from 10.30am to 3.30pm.** Tea and coffee available from 10am. Anybody who wishes to come will be most welcome.

Parish Day of Exposition and Prayer for Vocations – Our day, this year, will be **this Thursday** (10th April). This annual day is marked by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Church all day. It begins with Morning Prayer at 9.15am, 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, and the preacher at this Mass will be Fr Eddie Clare, the Diocesan Vocations Director. Please try to call in to church 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 at Oscott who have worked here: Craig Szmids now in his third year and Michael Glover in his second year.

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 **tomorrow** 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.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist – Children from our school and wider parish community will make their First Holy Communion over the two Sundays, 20th and 27th April at the 11am Mass. All parishioners are welcome.

Newman Association – On Tuesday 22nd April, Bishop William Kenney will be speaking at the Chaplaincy at the University of Warwick. His theme will be 'Migration, from a European Perspective'. This is an area of some expertise for him, as he has worked for Caritas Europe for many years (the organisational branch of CAFOD) and parishioners are very welcome to attend this talk, which forms part of the Newman Association's series of talks on issues of Justice and Peace. Refreshments from 7pm. Talk: 7.45pm.

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.

CELEBRATE – *The Catholic Family Holiday Conference – Faith and Fun* – will be held at Princethorpe College on the Bank Holiday Weekend 4th/5th May. For more details and how to book, please see: www.celebrateconference.org/heartofengland.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – This year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 10th May. It will be led by Archbishop Vincent. Although we shall not be organising a coach from our parish this year, there is likely to be interest from other parishes, and shared transport should be possible. Please let one of the clergy know if you would like to join another group.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2008 – The final payment for those booked to go this Spring Bank Holiday is £250 by 13th April, please.

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.

Help Needed: There is a need for large marquees for this event. Does anybody have any contacts in this department / low cost etc.?

Vouchers for Schools – As these schemes continue, please collect these, if you can, for St Thomas More Primary School.

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