

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-seventh Sunday of the Year (C)
October 7th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Norman Pearson (Anniv.)

6.00pm Ints of Bishop William Kenney

Next Sunday (Twenty-eighth Sunday of Year C)

9.00am Joan Hope RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm David Walsh (Anniv.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Pax Hackett RIP **10.30am** *Funeral Service for Mrs Sylvia Patricia Jenkins* **7.00pm** Gallagher family

Tuesday 9.15am Ints of Jimmy Kelly

7.00pm Patrick McDonald RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Peter & Mary Cunningham (Anniv.)

7.00pm Nancy Cawley

Thursday 9.00am Neil and Jane Wilson

7.00pm Catherine Lynch (Anniv.)

Friday 9.00am Ints of O'Toole family

7.00pm Malcolm Shanley

(Anniv.)

Saturday 9.00am Fr Richard Sullivan SDS (RIP)

Eucharistic Adoration in the side chapel from 9.30 – 10.30am. No Confessions today.

RIP – Janet Lavelle, Sylvia Jenkins, Mark Seddon, Fr John Bale, Fr Patrick Meagher, Joe Kendall, Agnes McGroarty, Percy Parker.

Anniversaries:- Deacon Patrick Selwood, Fr. Seamus Gilroy, Alex Ewing, Edwin Chandley, Martin Nee, George Bowman, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Thomas Gaughan, Lily Allen, Doris Malone, Jeanne Achard, Stephen Allen, Seamus Malone, Bridget Keegan, Charles Cullinane, William McElvenny, James O'Connor, John Donaldson, Susan M'Cabe, Peter Cunningham, Elizabeth Loughran, Mary Leonard, Francis O'Brien, Harriet Giblin, Mary West, Catherine Waters, Thomas Boyd, Mary McCormack, Mark Wheeler, Margaret Shomley, Alice Pearce, Alice Rutledge, Pat Mallett, Tom Deegan, Winifred Sadler, David Walsh, Teresa Brown.

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, Bill Browne, Sonia Carvell, Marlene Hubbard, and the housebound members of our parish.

Last Sunday's Collection: £ 1211-72 Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection Today is for last Friday's CAFOD Fast Day. All money raised from this national collection will go towards the relief of poverty and deprivation of communities with whom CAFOD is engaged in Zimbabwe at this difficult time.

Youth Group – Meets this evening and next Sunday evening in the Margaret Roper Room. Year 7 and above most welcome.

Today – 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 welcome Rev. Andrew most warmly. **The 6pm Mass today is a Mass of Commissioning in preparation for Confirmation for the children of Year 6.**

Next Sunday the 9am Mass will be a Mass of Enrolment for First Holy Communion for the children of Yr 2 at our primary school.

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.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary – The rosary 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. Why not use this month to explore some of the riches of the rosary: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and the more contemporary Mysteries of Light.

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

Parish Bazaar - Planning meeting: Tomorrow (Monday) at 7.30pm. Bazaar: **Friday 23rd November**. Please keep the date free.

Tuesday Society – An intriguing talk entitled ‘What the nose knows’ by Dr Steve van Toller. 2pm – 4pm. MRR. All welcome.

Cheylesmore Ward Forum Meeting – this Tuesday (9th) at 7pm at Baginton Fields School, Sedgemore Road. This Ward Forum includes people who care about their neighbourhoods! At a ward forum meeting you'll meet local councillors, council staff, police, community and voluntary groups and - most importantly - local people. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to make their voice heard and their views known on a range of issues. For further information, see www.coventry.gov.uk/wardforums

Extend – Wellbeing and movement to music for older people. Thursday at 10am in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Journey in Faith – Resumes this Thursday evening at 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church, Bishopton Road, Mount Nod.

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 this Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church. 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.

Diocesan Annual Justice and Peace Assembly – **THIS** Saturday (13th) 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. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

Parish Shop – You might not be *quite* ready, but when you are, do consider spreading the faith by sending religious cards this year.

Congratulations to Cliff Jones who was Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church here last Thursday, and to Darren Cass and Maria Romera Navarro (parishioners) who were married in Maria's home parish near Seville last weekend.

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.

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.

Parish Football Teams – Congratulations to both of our parish teams who have won their First round Church Cup games.

100 Club Winners for September – 1st £20 Maxine Connelly; 2nd £10 Vera Brown; 3rd £8 Alexis Considine; 4th £7 Kim Murphy; 5th £5 Carol Armstrong; 6th £4 Mrs B. O'Donnell. Thank you to everybody who supports the 100 Club.

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 17th November at 7pm. It is open to all parishioners and friends. Tickets are £5-00. To book tickets, phone CJM on 01675 466254, or you can pay on the evening itself.