

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

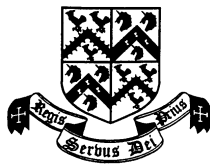
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Tenth Sunday of (Year A)

June 8th 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

Mr. Malcolm Pollard (Tel. 7641 3011)

Responsorial Psalm: I will show God's salvation to the upright.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Marie Ainsworth RIP
6.00pm Edna Bevins RIP

Next Sunday (Eleventh Sunday of Year A)

9.00am Ellen Cullinane
11.00am Terence Clifford (Anniv.)
6.00pm Noreen McLeod RIP

Masses This Week

Monday	9.00am Mary Jones RIP	No Evening Mass today
Tuesday	9.15am Patrick McElvenney (Anniv.)	No Evening Mass today
Wednesday	9.00am John & Esther Flanagan	No Evening Mass today
Thursday	9.00am <u>Service of Word and Holy Communion</u>	7.00pm Mass Damian Gunde (Anniv.)
Friday	11.00am <u>Funeral Mass for Mrs Miriam McGuinness</u>	No Evening Mass today
Saturday	9.00am <u>Service of Word and Holy Communion</u> followed by Exposition until 10.30am	No Confessions today

RIP – Edna Bevins, Thomas Bailey, Margaret O'Shea, Noreen McLeod, Aileen Clifford, Geraldine Batley, Jason Venezia, Miriam McGuinness, Mary Jones.

Anniversaries:- Bp. James Day, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Agnes Adams, Tom Norris, Katherine Waters, Luke Walker, Eileen Duff, Edward Hodgetts, Paddy Grogan, Lena Grogan, George McAdam,, Brenda Billings, Stephen Barnacle, Janet McGinty, Violet Norris

Stephanie Carr, Bridget Doyle, Lily Rhodes, Paddy Coughlan, Thomas Hanlon, John Kearns, Bert Grainger, Matthew Brennan, Michael Higgins, Irene Pickersgill.

Sick List – Please pray for Mgr Tom Gavin, 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, PJ Barrett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Tony Armstrong, Matthew Plant, Laura Smallwood, Tina Larque, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, Joan Gardner, Teresa Johnson, David Gormal, Norman Arnold, Liz Ferguson and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1348-25. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Young Adults Group – meets after the 6pm Mass today. A new group in the parish. Newcomers are very welcome.

Parish Youth Group – meets after the 6pm Mass next Sunday.

SVP – meets tomorrow (Monday) after the 9am Mass, in the Guild Room. New members are always welcome.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm, Margaret Roper Room. A presentation on the Lunt Fort. All welcome.

Trip to Weston Super Mare on 24th June. Places still available, Cost £8, Depart from STM at **8.30am**. Contact Harry 76 413381.

Extend – meets on Thursday mornings at 10.00am in the Margaret Roper Room. Gentle seated exercise to music. All welcome.

Race for Life – Today, a number of parishioners will be running the race for life in memory of Marie Ainsworth. They will be at all Masses with Pink Buckets raising money for charities that research cures for cancer. You are invited to support them.

Coventry Deanery Corpus Christi Procession – takes place **this afternoon at 3pm**. A special invitation is extended to children who made their First Holy Communion this year. The procession will begin at the ruins of the Whitefriars Monastery at the end of the London Road at 3pm and process to the site of Charterhouse Carthusian Monastery for prayers and Benediction. All welcome. In Gosford Street, by the flyover, is the entrance to Gosford St Long Stay Car Park. Take the entrance but do not turn right into the Car Park. Go straight along the lane and it takes you to Whitefriars and the Student Services car park.

Fathers Day – Sunday 15th June – The 11am Mass will be a joint parish and primary school Mass. All parishioners welcome.

Parish Fete – Sunday 22nd June – Thank you to all who have offered prizes and practical help for the fete. There will be the usual need for help in setting up the day before the fete (Saturday 21st from 5pm to 7pm) and on the morning itself; people who will also make the sacrifice of staying behind after the fete to clear up – not an enviable task, but always very much appreciated. Every family is asked to consider donating something to the fete: bottles, homemade cakes, plants, good quality gifts and so on. You are asked to take **raffle tickets** for the fete and to sell as many as you can. Ticket stubs and money can be returned now.

One of the features of this year's fete is a **balloon race**. In the weeks leading up to the fete, there will be an opportunity to buy a balloon. They will be released on the day of the fete, and the one that reaches the furthest distance and is responded to wins the prize.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – It is customary in our parish that Ministers of Holy Communion be commissioned each year for their role in our parish community. Proclaiming the word of God at Mass is also an important role, benefiting the People of God. There will be a commissioning for all readers and ministers of Holy Communion at Masses on our parish Feast Day (22nd June). You will be called forward on that day, and our parish community will pray for you.

Readings for Sundays 22nd June and 29th June – Please note that Sunday 22nd June is the Parish Patronal Feast of St Thomas More, and Sunday 29th June is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. Both occasions will have special readings (ie not those of the Sunday). Copies of both sets of readings can be collected from the sacristy today for readers, musicians etc who need to see them.

CAFOD Day – This Saturday (14th) at the Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. 10am to 4pm. Learn about latest campaigns and see how we as a parish can get involved. Free Lunch included. Book a place by contacting: marana@cafod.org.uk

Presentation of Diocesan Awards – Wednesday 25th June at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to this celebration which will be a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, recognising charitable work done by many people around our diocese. We congratulate Mandy Kelly, Claire Rutter and Mary Hulme on receiving this award in recognition of over 25 years each of service to leading Brownies and Guides in our parish. We shall be taking a coach to St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to celebrate the occasion. No individual invitations are being issued for this celebration, so please sign the relevant sheet at the back of church today.

CAFOD Temporary Job Vacancy – Manager of the Birmingham Diocesan CAFOD Office, working with a team and promoting Cafod's work in schools and parishes. Cover for Maternity Leave until April 2009. Details at www.cafod.org/jobs/uk.

Ladies Aerobics / Circuit Training has resumed in St Thomas More Primary School on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am. Previous participants and those who wish to come along and join are all very welcome.

Justice and Peace - the next meeting is on Thursday 10th July at 7.45pm in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Staffordshire – Fr Philip Newbold invites you to celebrate the annual pilgrimage and blessing of the sick. It takes place on Sunday 6th July, and there are lists at the church doors to express your interest in going on a coach for this. Led by Bishop David McGough. All welcome.

Vouchers for Schools – Many thanks for the vouchers received so far. Please continue to give us any vouchers you have.

Quiet Days with Spiritual Accompaniment – Princethorpe Retreat and Conference Centre. Thursday 19th June from 10.30am to 4.30pm. An opportunity for time, space and peace, and the chance to talk confidentially. Light lunch provided. Tel. 07901 858687.

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.

Spires Philharmonic Chorus performs Faure's Requiem at St Barbara's, Earlsdon on Sunday 29th June at 7.30pm. Cost £8 (£5)

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