

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

March 9th 2008



Parish Child Protection Representatives –

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**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

**Acclamation:** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in Me will never die.

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Cyprian Texeira (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Anne Fellows (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Next Sunday (Palm Sunday, Year A)

**9.00am** Bernard & Mollie Swinden RIP

**11.00am** Gordon Alan Howell (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** Malcolm Shanley RIP.

## Weekday Masses

**Monday 9.00am** Mollie Bennett RIP

**Tuesday 9.15am** Tony & Cathy Mayne RIP **No Evening Mass here today. Partnership Mass at Corpus Christi at 7.30pm.**

**Wednesday 9.00am** Ints of Mary Morgan

**7.00pm** Bill Merrick (Anniv.)

**Thursday 9.00am** Mary Anne Ferris

**7.00pm** Ints of Mike Hammond

**Friday 7.00am** Ints of Kenneth & Margaret Spiller **9.00am** The vocation of fathers **7.00pm** Theresa Chamley (Anniv.)

**Saturday 9.00am** Dick Duggan RIP *followed by Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10.30am*

**RIP** – Bishop Kevin Dunn, Fr Sean Farrell, John Mills, Betty Nash, Dennis Kelly, Gladys Denny, Calum McArdle, Lillian Brennan.

**Anniversaries** - Fr. Christopher Thornton, Fr. Colin Harkin, Bp. David Cashman, Irene Rutter, Richard Royal, Leonard Roberts, Denis Twomey, Cyprian Texeira, Mary O'Connor, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle, Norah Connor, James Hannigan, William Malone, Mary Tams, Alfred Walters, Margaret Mulligan, Mary Lynch, Mary Vertigan, Madge Quigleas, Peter Clark, Thomas Kayne, Margaret McKeown, Thomas Woods, Geraldine Barrett, Nora Wood, Margaret Ferguson, Hugh Somers, Bill Merrick, John Kelleher, Harriet Winkless, Molly Jones, Philip Kingston, Francis Higgins, Gordon Howell, Madeline Jeary, Mary Edward, Lelia Ward, Ellen Ludford, Thomas McGeacham, Gertrude McGoldrick, John Ryan, Theresa Chamley, Robin Newall, William Howdle.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Rev. Tony Colby, 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, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Sr Angela Black SND, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Sonia Carvell, Kitty Budkiewicz, Angela Poole-Chivers, Sr Sheila Phillips, Alice Hopkins, Bill Middleton, 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, Jeff Blackwell, Geraldine Batley, Laura Smallwood, P J Barrett and housebound parishioners.

**Last Sunday's Collections:** Main £ 1229-33 *Let the Children Live!* £5010-93 Thank you for your generosity.

**Today, there is a Second Collection at all Masses throughout the diocese for the maintenance of the Mother Church of our Diocese, St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.**

**Next Sunday** there will be a retiring collection at all Masses towards the cost of Church flowers throughout the year. It is also a way in which you can show your appreciation for all the hard work and dedication that goes into this important ministry in our parish.

**Today we welcome Bishop William Kenney, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.** We welcome to our parish all of the candidates for Confirmation, their sponsors, their families and friends.

**Catholic Today** – the new edition of the Diocesan Newspaper is available today, priced 50p. Please take a copy.

**Parish Young Adults Group** – will meet again **this evening** after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room.

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

**Readers Rota** – The new rota is available from the sacristy today. Please collect one.

## The Season of Lent in St Thomas More Parish

### During the season of Lent:

- There will be Stations of the Cross in Church at 5pm on Sundays.
- We shall celebrate partnership Masses with Corpus Christi and St Anne's on Tuesday evenings **at Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Avenue, Ernesford Grange** at 7.30pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm). The Masses will be at Corpus Christi each week, so come along any Tuesday at that time. There will be no evening Mass here.
- As last year, there will be a 7am Mass in the side chapel on Fridays.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday during Lent from 9.30am to 10.30am.
- Archbishop Vincent invites us to pray the *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars.
- At all Sunday Masses, we shall sing the *Pater Noster* (the Our Father in Latin).
- There will be the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady in Coventry in the Priory Gardens next to Coventry Cathedral on Friday lunchtimes at 1.40pm.
- At West Orchard URC, there will be Lent lunches (Wednesdays 12 noon to 1pm) and Lent Groups (Thursdays at 1.30pm).

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

**Tuesday Society** – Fr Eddie Clare will speak about the work of the Priests' Training Fund. 2pm – 4pm Margaret Roper Room.

**Extend** – There is no Extend gathering this week.

**RCIA / Journey in Faith** – meets this Thursday at St John Vianney, Bishopton Close at 8pm. Last gathering before Easter.

**Feast of St Patrick** – As 17<sup>th</sup> March falls during Holy Week this year, the Church celebrates the feast this Friday (14<sup>th</sup> March). The Annual Mass in honour of St Patrick will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Raglan Street, Hillfields on Friday at 7.30pm. All welcome. This Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>) will be kept as the Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary (also transferred from Holy Week).

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

**Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School** – Congratulations to our Catholic Secondary School. Both Ofsted and Section 48 RE Inspection teams judge Bishop Ullathorne School and Sixth Form as good. Achievement and Standards, Personal Development and Well-being, Teaching and Learning, the Curriculum and Leadership & Management were all judged as good. Collective worship is described as outstanding. Congratulations to the Headteacher, Governors, parents, staff and pupils on a well deserved judgement.

**Holy Week 2008 – Dates for your Diary** – The highpoint towards which all of our Lenten prayer, fasting and penance is directed is the Sacred Triduum (three days) of Holy Week, celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. You may wish to note the dates: **Next Sunday** is Palm Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> March) – Normal Sunday Mass times; **Parish Penance Service** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm; **Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper (20<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.30pm; **Good Friday** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (21<sup>st</sup> March) at 3.00pm and parallel Good Friday for children up to and including Year 3, in the Margaret Roper Room; the Easter Vigil (**Holy Saturday**, 22<sup>nd</sup> March) at 9.00pm and Easter Day (23<sup>rd</sup>) Normal Mass times. These days give shape and meaning to our whole life of faith. If you can, please look to make Holy Week special in any way you can, here in church or in your home etc.

**Children's Good Friday Service beginning at 2.55pm. Please note that you will need to fill in a Parental Consent form for your child to take part in the Good Friday children's service. These will be available from the back of the church next Sunday. Parents with older siblings are encouraged to attend the Good Friday service in church as both services last the same time. If you can help with planning this year, call Debbie on 76 411803.**

**Good Friday Walk of Witness** – From Central Hall / Dresden Place at 10.45am; Shelton Square 11am. Speaker: Bishop Kenney

**Hope 2008** – South Coventry Churches are planning an event on Quinton Park on Holy Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup> March), to include music, prayer and evangelisation, and other ways of showing the vitality of the Christian community to the people of our area. Please tell your friends that it will be happening. If you or they are shopping along Daventry Road that day, please visit the event opposite.

**Giving Something Back** – There is a need for more musicians to accompany the music at the Sunday 6pm Mass. Any offers?

**Christchurch, Cheylesmore** – celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year. The first events are this Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>) from 11am to 3pm. An Open Day at the church and all parishioners from St Thomas More are warmly welcome to call in at some point on that day. Then at 7.30pm, there is a Concert in the Church, featuring the Coventry Performing Arts Adult Community Singers. Tickets are £5-00.

**Action for Cheylesmore** – promoting community projects, seeks a New Secretary and Chairperson. Please call 76785555 for info

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