

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-third Sunday of the Year (C)
September 9th 2007

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, You have been our refuge from one generation to the next

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Thanksgiving (Pears)

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm SVP Thanksgiving (Blessed Frederic Ozanam)

Next Sunday (Twenty-fourth Sunday of Year C)

9.00am Joan Hope RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm Ints of John Kavanagh

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Ints of Dolores Hackett (sick)

Tuesday 9.15am Monica Cerowski RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Coleman Joyce (sick)

Thursday 9.00am Agnes Kane

Friday 9.00am Sadie McGorrian RIP

Saturday 9.00am John and Ellen Merrick (Anniv.)

7.00pm Marcella Black

7.00pm Anthony Lawrence RIP

7.00pm Ints of Nellie Finnigan (sick)

7.00pm Nora McHale RIP

7.00pm Ints of Matthew & Serena O'Reilly

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

RIP – Mick O'Sullivan, Steve Hancock, Eileen Thomas, Joe Kendall, May Canning, Rev. Pavlo Hayda, Anthony Lawrence.

Anniversaries: Fr. Guy Coleman, Harold Vineall, Michael Brennan, Donald O'Sullivan, James O'Neill, Doris Phipps, Mary Burr, Joseph McGuckin, Bridget Gannon, Mary Griffin, John Merrick, John Gallagher, Maurice Catlin, Elizabeth McCarthy, Lilian Curtis,

Mieczyslaw Kolodynski, James Kelly, Joseph Murray, Albert Bordeleau. Mabel Barnacle, , Margaret Herriot, Winifred Craddock, Francis McNulty, Elizabeth Sharkey, Isabella Quinn, William Lowney, Mary Bannon, John Gallagher, Janet McGawley.

Sick List – Please pray for Deacon Tony Colby, 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, Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, William Grant, Percy Parker, Hughie McNaboe, Jack Holloway, Anne Donoghue, Anne Thomson, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Ann Brown, Mary Doran, Madeleine Philips, Ruby Wilson, Teresa Johnson, Deacons 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, Kitty Ryan, Bill Middleton, Helen Freeman, Joe Flis, Dolores Hackett, Joe Anderson, Luke Blacklaw, Coleman Joyce and for all who are housebound.

Tea and coffee – After the 9am and 11am Masses. Thank you to those who have offered their help with an 11am rota.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1096-30 Thank you.

Second Collections – Today's Second Collection is *optional* and so we shall not have it. However, if you have brought an envelope and wish to place it in the normal collection, the money will go to the cause on your envelope.

World Youth Day – Car Wash – Thank you for your generous support last Sunday which raised a wonderful £906-19.

Catholic Today – the diocesan newspaper is available today, priced 50p. Please take a copy for each household.

Readers' Rota – the new rota is available from the sacristy today. Please take a copy.

Fr Hudson's Society – This year's Fr Hudson's Appeal throughout the diocese will be on Sunday 16th September. Today, Andy Quinn, Projects Manager for the Society will speak at all Masses about its work, before next Sunday's Second Collection. Please take a special envelope today – especially if you are able to Gift Aid your contribution in next Sunday's Second collection.

Edward Cerowski – Edward, a parishioner of St Thomas More, leaves for Valladolid, Spain, this week, to begin his pre-seminary year, hopefully the first stage of his journey to the priesthood. Please take a vocations prayer card today, and pray for him each day.

Coventry Intercultural Mass – Today - Sunday 9th September at 5.30pm at St John Fisher Church, Tiverton Road, Wyken. People are asked – where possible – to dress in national costume, to bring some food representing their country, and to celebrate the cultural diversity by many Catholics in our city. If you would like to be involved in a particular way in this Mass, please let us know.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Mass for Altar Servers – this Saturday, 15th September, at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be the main celebrant, and all altar servers of our parishes are very welcome.

Tuesday Society – Ann Morrison will speak on the many aspects of Father Hudson's Society, 2 - 4 pm MRR. All welcome.

Stepping Stones – The Parents and Toddlers parish-based group begins again. *There is an URGENT need for help with this group, setting up and clearing away.* You will be part of a team and always supervised. Please speak to Fr Timothy asap if you can help.

David Alton (Lord Alton of Liverpool) will be giving a Public Lecture at Oscott College on Tuesday 18th September at 8.00pm. The title of the lecture is: *Christian Citizenship: the duty to get involved.* It will be followed by informal discussion and Night Prayer. All are welcome, and there is no charge or ticket required. Oscott College, Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA.

Youth Group Leaders and Aspiring Youth Leaders – There is a training day for those involved in Youth Work, at Cardinal Newman School in Coventry on Saturday 22nd September from 9.30am to 6.00pm. Further details: maria.bracken@bcys.co.uk.

Mass for the Beginning of the School Year – This will take place at the 9am Mass on Sunday 23rd September. All welcome.

Consecration of Corpus Christi Church – A very significant moment in the life of any parish, and a very beautiful and moving ceremony if anybody is able to go along. Fr Adrian MacNamara invites all of the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish to attend the ceremony on Friday 28th September 2007 at 7.00pm. This is a celebration of the life of the Church you will never forget!

Coventry Catholic Deanery Website – A website has been set up, giving information about each of the parishes in Coventry. Current features are a map of Coventry with churches plotted on it, links to other parish websites, and a comprehensive list of Mass times throughout the city! Please take the time to have a look at it at www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk,

Children's Liturgy of the Word – This important part of our Sunday 9am Mass requires more helpers, so that the work is shared. Many parents know the value of the work. Please consider offering your services to help, even as part of a team. Thank you.

Journey in Faith – These sessions of instruction in the Catholic faith, and an opportunity to learn more, to ask questions, to discuss issues, and to pray together begin again on **Thursday 20th September** at St John Vianney parish, Bishopton Close, Coventry. Everybody is welcome, but perhaps somebody you know attending these talks might require an invitation from you, or even your encouragement in coming with them. They will begin again soon, and as the title suggests, it is a Journey, an experience of growing in faith together. Think about how that invitation you make to somebody who is not a Catholic, or who needs some direction in their life could affect them, and possibly change their life.

Mr Cliff Jones who has been coming to our church for many years will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on Thursday 4th October at the 7pm Mass, here in our church. All parishioners are welcome to share in this special celebration.

World Youth Day 2008 – This is a festival of half a million young Catholic adults, taking place in Sydney, Australia in July 2008. 10 young people are going to represent the parish at this event. World Youth Days were an initiative of Pope John Paul II and have been continued by Pope Benedict. The families of those going are paying towards the trip, and next fundraising event will be Fr Timothy and a number of parishioners running the Coventry Half Marathon in October. *A gentle reminder to anybody planning to do the run that they need to register for it asap at www.ladygodiva-halfmarathon.co.uk/.* Any parishioners whose work situation agrees to match charity sponsorship is asked to make themselves known, as such sponsorship for the event would be most welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2008 - Saturday 24 May to Saturday 31 May 2008. Information is available from Jean or Harry on 76413381

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, in recognition of the many people in our parish who are – or have been – involved in the many areas of healthcare, to ask for God's blessing on your work and vocation.

Age to Age – The new album by CJM which is being released, and which is the basis for the concert they will give here in November. Read about the project, and hear some of their new – and traditional – songs at www.cjmmusic.com/age-to-age