

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

December 9th 2007



Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: In His days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon falls.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Nick Martin (Anniv.)

11.00am John Burnett (Anniv.)

6.00pm Josephine Glynn (Anniv.)

Next Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

9.00am Ints of Marie Ainsworth

11.00am James Burke (Anniv.)

6.00pm Ints of John Noonan and Emily Coulson (Marriage)

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am Grace Tarve RIP

7.00pm Partnership Mass in Church. For Marriage and Family life

Tuesday 9.15am Elizabeth McHale (Anniv.) **6.55pm** Reception into church of Mr Joe Flis RIP **7.00pm** Sheila Flis RIP

Wednesday 10.00am Funeral Mass for Mr Joe Flis **6.15pm** Denzil Griffiths (Anniv.)

Thursday 9.00am Ints of Dolores Hackett **7.00pm** William Cairns (Anniv.)

Friday 9.00am Kathleen Edwards (Anniv.) **No Evening Mass here today.**

Saturday 9.00am Ints of Irene Minehane *Eucharistic Adoration 9.30 – 10.30am. No Confessions today.*

RIP – Joe Flis, Bill Browne, Ray Grant, Tony Montague.

Anniversaries – Fr. Cyril Barlow, Catherine Illhargey, Bernadette Russell, James Ronan, Mme. Andree Bringue, James Burke, Charles Cowles, John O'Reilly, Michael Grady, James Browne, Margaret Glynn, Jack Musgrave, Kathleen Sear, Kathleen Preston, Cyril Matthews, Nancy Martin, Elizabeth Lamb, Nicholas Martin, Margaret Barlow, George Newbold, John Murray, Eileen Fallon, William Griffiths, Martin Turner, Lilian Reeves, Teresa Armstrong, Jane Mather-Lees, Anthony Booth, James Goology, Harry Lae, Raymond Stanley, Dennis Cox Arthur Taylor, Mary Gray, Patrick Cassidy, Alfred Magee, Kathleen Edwards, Martin Brogan, Ralph Parrish, William Nerney, Jessie Kelly, Elsie Roberts, Michael Sugrue, Lilian Compton, Michael Ward, Martin Coulter.

Sick List – Please pray for Charles MacKinnon, Hannah McBride, Ian Crawley, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Marie Ainsworth, Liam and Rory Nee, Fr John Bentley, Ann Brown, Ruby Wilson, Rose Green,

Babies Emily and Jessica Burbury, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Hughie McNaboe, Jack Holloway, Anne Donoghue, John Leach, Anne Thomson, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Jonjo Rooney, Mary Doran, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, 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, Coleman Joyce, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Marlene Hubbard, James Tenn-Lyn, Dennis Kelly, Rachel Hankin, Barbara Mattock, Joan Harbourne, the present needs of the Barnes-Heath family and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main **£1080-50** CAFOD / Christian Aid for Bangladesh **£2821-60** Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese. *Apologies for lack of notice of this collection.*

Tea and coffee – After the 9am and 11am Masses in the Margaret Roper Room. A sale of small gifts today after the 11am Mass.

Writing Cards for Prisoners of Conscience – Today in the Margaret Roper Room. Materials provided. Donations welcome.

The Season of Advent We continue our *Partnership Masses* here on Monday evenings, 10th and 17th December; *Evening Prayer* on Sundays at 5pm; please take *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars, and we shall sing the *Salve Regina (the Latin original of the Hail Holy Queen)* at all Sunday Masses in place of the Hail Mary. During the season of Advent, when we can easily think of all that we *want* rather than *need* we shall focus on CAFOD's *livesimply* campaign. We shall pray the *Livesimply* prayer at Sunday Masses:

LiveSimply Prayer: *Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty.*

Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight.

Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.

Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen.

Parish Youth Group – Meets this evening, after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room.

Young Adults of the Parish – We propose to start a group where young adults, especially those new to our community, can feel part of the parish and welcomed to it. There will be a social gathering next Sunday evening (16th) after the 6pm Mass, in the Margaret Roper Room. If you are new to the parish, or if you have lived here all your life and fall into the ‘young adult’ bracket, please come.

Partnership Masses - The Masses are here at 7pm, on Monday evenings, with Exposition from 6pm and Evening Prayer at 6.40.

Parish Penance Service – *Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm.* Come to confession – lots of priests – become an angel again!

Tuesday Society – This week is the Christmas Lunch. No meeting in the Margaret Roper Room. Next meeting is on 15th Jan 2008!

Extend – Enjoyable, gentle exercise for older people. Thursday mornings, 10.00am, in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

Journey in Faith – this Thursday is the final session before Christmas. 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church. All welcome.

Church Greenery for Christmas – We require large amounts of good quality evergreens (2 feet in length approx) to decorate the church for Christmas. Laurel, ivy, fir branches are best. Please bring them on Friday 14th or early Saturday 15th December by 10am, if possible (but not before then). If unable to deliver, large amounts can be collected on Saturday morning: Call 76 503838.

Altar Servers – Any servers who are available are most welcome to come to Sunday Evening Prayer at 5pm, the Monday evening Partnership Masses at 7pm (for the next two weeks). Also, please note the special parish Mass to celebrate the ministry of altar servers on St Stephen’s Day (26th December) at 11.00am in Church. All altar servers, their families and parishioners are welcome.

Walk With Me Podcast to support the current programme of prayer is available at www.cjmmusic.com. Do download it!

South Coventry Christian Churches Christmas Greeting Cards – These are to be delivered door to door in designated roads in our area of Styvechale in the coming days. Please take the cards for your road if you can, or split the road with others.

Pioneer Association – Memorial Mass for Fr McKiernan takes place on 14th December at 8pm in the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street.

Quinton Park Baptist Church – 50th anniversary celebrations – a party on Saturday 15th December, 4pm – 6.30pm. All welcome

Save the Children – Thank you to those who supported the recent event which raised £182.

Thank you – The recent sale of plants, through the parish, made a profit of **£300**, which was divided equally between the Parish Society of St Vincent de Paul and Fundraising for World Youth Day. Thank you for your support, and to the parish organisers.

Giving Something Back – Church cleaning takes place on Monday mornings at 7.30am and Wednesday mornings after Mass.

Coming Home for Christmas – Who could you invite back to church this Christmas? www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk.

Parish Shop – Parish Christmas cards now available – do consider spreading the Gospel by sending religious cards this year. Also, items for Advent, various religious books, 2008 diaries, booklets and holy pictures, as well as Fairtrade items to buy. Why not pop in! Please consider that where other shops sell religious Christmas cards, they will only continue to stock them if people buy them.

Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley – *The Promise* Christmas Concert – St Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham. Friday 21st Dec at 8pm. For further details and to book tickets, please go to www.cjmmusic.com or telephone 01675 466254.

The Emperor’s New Clothes – based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen. Friday 4th January, 7.30pm at West Orchard United Reformed Church, the Chesils. Presented by the Saltmine and Slingshot Theatre companies. Tickets £5 from 76 419466.

Diocesan Youth Festival - for young people aged 14-17. To be held at Oscott College 27th -29th June 2008. Go to bcys.co.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2008 – 23rd Sept – 2nd Oct 2008, under the leadership of Bishop William Kenney. For further details, see the notice on the board outside the Side Chapel. Early booking is recommended to guarantee a place.

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