

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Easter Sunday (Year A)

March 23rd 2008

Parish Child Protection Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, in the Lord. Alleluia

Easter Sunday Masses

9.00am John Mills RIP

11.00am Margaret & Edward McGinn

6.00pm Martin & Margaret Geraghty (Anniv.)

Next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter Year A)

9.00am In Memory of Pope John Paul II RIP

11.00am For The Holy Souls

6.00pm People of the Parish

Masses This Week (No Evening Masses)

Easter Monday No Mass here today. **The Coventry Deanery Easter Monday Mass is at St Osburg's at 10am. All welcome.**

Easter Tuesday **9.00am** Joe Kendall RIP

Easter Wednesday **9.00am** Mary Falconer (Anniv.)

Easter Thursday **9.00am** Jane E. O'Brien (Anniv.)

Easter Friday **9.00am** Tony Horrell (Anniv.)

Easter Saturday **9.00am** Eileen Shortt RIP *followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. No Confessions today.*

RIP – Bishop Kevin Dunn, Fr Sean Farrell, John Mills, Betty Nash, Lillian Brennan, Esther Brooks, James Hargreaves, Theresa Duignan.

Anniversaries – Bp. Humphrey Bright, Alice Brownhill, Michael Byrne, Charles Selfe, Mary Kelly, Anthony Morton-Blake, Percy Briscoe, Bridie Sharkey, Clare Aves, William Byatt, Margaret Boyle, Thomas Quinn, Mary Darrigan, Patrick Ryan, Joyce Ellis,

Georgina Kelly, John Burns, Anthony Horrell, Nora Brennan, Brian Kavanagh, Edward McKeown, Bridie Williams, Phillip Maguire, Dora Merry, Ellen Crag, Mary Falconer, Peter Stockman, Katherine Kavanagh, Beatrice Jackson, Roger Jackson, Eileen McCann, Beatrice Brown, Catherine Desmond, Conrad Cerowski, Frank Cerowski, Frank Philips, Catherine Richter, Philomena McKenna, Donal Warburton, Caroline Kelly, William Bickerstaff, Geoff Stenner.

Sick List – Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, 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, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Tommy Wainwright and housebound parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collections: Main £1279-96

Retiring Collection for Church flowers **£750-00**

Easter Hamper Raffle and Cake Sale (World Youth Day fundraising) **£703-00**

Thank you for your generosity.

The Hamper was won by Mrs Maura Lawlor. Runners up prizes go to Agnes McMullen and Maureen Pearson. Congratulations

Today's Collection – The only collection at Masses this weekend is your Easter Offering to the Clergy of the Parish. Thank you.

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

Easter Sunday – We welcome Bishop William Kenney as the Main Celebrant at the 11am Mass in our parish today.

We welcome all visitors to our parish today, and to those who are returning to our parish to visit family at Easter.

Thank you to all those who have played any part in the preparation of Masses and other liturgies for Holy Week and Easter.

Easter Monday Coventry Deanery Mass at St Osburg's. – Bishop William Kenney will celebrate Mass. All welcome.

Clocks – Spring Forward – The clocks go forward in the early hours of next Sunday (30th). We lose an hour!

Walk With Me – The Easter to Pentecost Walk With Me booklets and calendars are available today. Please take one. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days, and it is a season of the Holy Spirit, drawing out the meaning of the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead, and whose power and inspiration guided the apostles through Christ's ascension to the great experience of Pentecost.

Congratulations to those who have become full members of the Catholic Church this Easter: Katie Eccleston, Amanda-Jane Erne, Alison Stokes, Stuart Wheeler and Carmel Watson. We assure them of our prayers as they have made this important step, and we welcome them in a new way into the community of our parish and of the wider Catholic family. We congratulate their families also.

The 'journey of faith' programme that we follow on Thursday evenings is an important feature now in the life of our parish, and we share this journey with Fr Jonathan Veasey and the parishioners of St John Vianney. If you know of anybody who might be interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, these sessions are a good place to start. They are attended by parishioners, the families of parishioners, and those who have no connection with our church until parishioners invite them to come along. Some of the people who get most out of these sessions are the parishioners themselves who bring others along. The Journey in Faith programme will continue again in a few weeks' time.

Financial Contributions to the Parish – Thank you for your generosity towards the running of the parish throughout the year. You are asked to consider this generosity again in the coming year. It is possible that you do not use the envelope system that the church operates. It works in two ways: either by taking a box of envelopes and placing anything you wish into it; or **if you pay tax** you can take a box of envelopes, and then anything you give can be Gift Aided to the parish, which is a registered charity. This amounts to 25p for every £1 given. Please collect your envelopes today if you can. Mr Tony Curristan will be very happy to discuss any matters of this kind with you. He will be in the Guild Room after Masses today, or you may wish to phone him on 76 411280.

Extend – The group meets this week, at 10.00am on Thursday in the Margaret Roper Room. Gentle exercise, seated and to music for older people. All welcome. For further details, please contact Roy on 76 414887.

Resurrection Joy – a reflection in words and music to mark 50 years of the new Christ Church, Frankpledge Road, Cheylesmore. This Thursday, 27th March, at 7.30pm. All parishioners of St Thomas More are welcome. There will be a retiring collection.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions – Next Sunday, 30th March, beginning at 1.30pm at St Mary & St Benedict, Raglan Street. Includes the Blessing of the Image, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Veneration of the Image and St Faustina relic. Mass will be celebrated at approximately 3.45pm. Speaker – Fr Alphonse Muras Chacha (Apostle of Jesus).

100 Club winners for March 2008 – 1st £20 Joanne Sullivan; 2nd £10 Mrs Ennis; 3rd £8 Mr T Falconer; 4th £7 Mrs Jurczak; 5th £5 Patricia Connolly; 6th £4 Gwen Molloy. The staff and pupils of St Thomas More School wish you a very happy Easter.

Group for those experiencing Memory Problems – Next meeting is Monday 31st March at 7.30pm. Margaret Roper Room.

Hope 2008 – Thank you to all those who were able to help in any way with the *Cheylesmore Festival* at Quinton Pool, this weekend. The next event as part of Hope 2008 is **Coventry Praise** at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 6th April at 7.30pm.

Holiday - 2 places available on a trip to Benidorm from Saturday 26 April to Saturday 3 May from B'ham airport. Half-board at the Hotel Don Pancho. Cost £401 each. Some members of the parish Tuesday Society are going on the trip. Contact Jean 76413381.

Parish Day of Exposition and Prayer for Vocations – Our day, this year, will be Thursday 10th April. This annual day is marked by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Church all day. It begins with Morning Prayer, and then there is an opportunity for all parishioners – including the children from St Thomas More School – to spend some moments of prayer in the church. The day concludes with the 7pm Mass. Please make a note of this date, and try to call in at some stage on the day. Whilst prayer for vocations to the priesthood is always important, it takes on special significance because of Edward Cerowski, from our parish, now studying for the priesthood. Also we continue to pray for seminarians who have worked in our parish: Craig Szmidt and Michael Glover.

Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire – 'Getting our message across' with Rev. Mervyn Roberts (Radio Presenter and Diocesan Communications Officer) and other local broadcasters. Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at 7.30pm at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church. Also updates on Churches Together Groups, and local Hope 08 initiatives. All welcome.

Jim Bailey Family Show - 'The best kids show for grown ups' at St Martin's, Finham Saturday 26th April at 3pm. jimbailey.org

Celebrate Family Holiday Conference – 4th / 5th May at Princethorpe College. Details on church notice boards today.

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