

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (A)
September 14th 2008

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Responsorial Psalm: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Ints of Maura Stone (sick)
11.00am People of the Parish
6.00pm Joe Molloy (Anniv.)

Next Sunday (25th Sunday of the Year, A)

9.00am Philip Brannigan RIP
11.00am Ints of Clive & Stella Robinson
6.00pm People of the Parish

Masses This Week (Please note: 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday)

Monday	9.00am Ints of Rick & Penny Waddington (sick)	7.00pm Adeline Rogers RIP
Tuesday	9.15am Dominic Coker RIP	7.00pm Ints of Mary Ryan (sick)
Wednesday	9.00am Peter Hughes RIP	7.30pm Angela Mary Watson (Anniv.)
Thursday	9.00am Ints of Margaret Holmes (sick)	7.00pm Sarah McEvoy RIP
Friday	9.00am Mrs Margaret Murphy (Anniv.)	7.00pm Cynthia Phillips RIP
Saturday	9.00am John & Ellen Merrick (Anniv.)	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am</i>

No Confessions today.

RIP – Hughie McNaboe, Cynthia Phillips, Tina Larque, Tom Clinton, David Gormal, Margaret Synnott.

Anniversaries: Abp George Patrick Dwyer, Canon Peter McKenna, Winifred Craddock, Frances McInulty, Elizabeth Sharkey, Isabella Quinn, William Lowney, Mary Hannon, John Gallagher, Janet McGawley, James O'Neill, Beryl Armstrong, Henry Swinden, Patricia Morgan, Janet (Jenny) Lavelle, Mary Long, Joseph Killeen, Anne Kennedy, Anne Kelly, Tainja Skendrovic, Robert Young, Maria Cairns, Mary Donnelly, Joseph Murtagh, Hilda Matthews, Margaret Murphy, John Brennan, William Errington.

Sick List – Please pray for Fr Louis Purcell, Fr John Bentley, Charles MacKinnon, Kevin Bills, Kitty Ryan, Hannah McBride, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Ruby Wilson, Jack Holloway, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Mary Doran, Anne Thomson, Madeleine Philips, Esme Pain, Tony Armstrong, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Warren Luyt, Jonjo Rooney, Alice Hopkins, Teresa Johnson, Bill Middleton, Gertrude Kelly, Sr. Angela Black SND, Matthew Plant, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Kitty Budkiewicz, Sr Sheila Phillips, Helen Freeman, PJ Barrett, Teresa Warr, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Elizabeth Garry, Laura Smallwood, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, Joan Gardner, Teresa Johnson, Norman Arnold, Anne Gallimore, Anthony Quinn, Mary Higginson, Maura Stone, Henryk Cerowski and housebound parishioners.

Year of St Paul – Today's Second Reading is that used on Palm Sunday, beginning the Passion of Christ: Philippians 2: 6-11

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £1207-13 Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next Sunday for Fr Hudson's Society, the social care agency for our diocese. Please give generously..

Today is the transferred Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Special readings for the Feast will be used.

Mass Cards – The Parish shop will be closed for a few Sundays. If you need a Mass card, please go to the sacristy after Mass where you will be able to find Mass cards. Then bring the completed envelope with details of the Mass, for it to be signed.

Prayers at Canley Cemetery – This afternoon (14th) at 3pm, we join other clergy and people from the Coventry area, at Canley Cemetery. There will be prayers at the Chapel, after which clergy will be available to say prayers at family graves.

Parish Young Adults Group – meets again **today** after the 6pm Mass in the Margaret Roper Room. All young adults of the parish – whether from here originally, or having recently arrived in the parish – are very welcome.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week there will be a quiz. All welcome.

Extend – Movement to music for the over sixties and those less able. Thursday mornings, beginning again on 25th September.

Stepping Stones – Parish-based Pre School Activity Group – has begun its 6th year, Fridays 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This half term, the group will be looking at different Old Testament characters, with related activities.

Fr Hudson's Society – The annual Second Collection for the Social Care agency of our diocese takes place on the weekend of 21st September. Last year's collection was excellent, recognising the immense and varied work carried out by the Society. There are special collection envelopes available today, Please take one, ready for next week, and please Gift Aid if you are able.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School and Humanities College – Open Evening this Wednesday (17th) from 6pm to 8pm. Families of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to visit the school, to a presentation by the Head Teacher at 6pm, and to look around the school, and to hear of its recent successes, and to see for yourself what our local Catholic Secondary school has to offer.

RCIA – Journey in Faith – These sessions begin for the new term **this** Thursday (18th September). They will begin at 7.45pm each Thursday evening, in the Margaret Roper Room. They are suitable for those who simply wish to know what Catholics believe, whatever your background. No previous knowledge is required, but attending Mass on Sundays is a good way of getting to know the Catholic way of life. Parishioners, families and friends are all welcome to these talks and discussions. Please give it some thought.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers of the Diocese – will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Pargeter at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday 20th September at 12 noon. All parish servers and their families are invited to attend this Mass.

Parish Youth Group – meets again next Sunday after the 6pm Mass. Year 7 and above welcome.

Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley – Jo and Mike will be in concert to promote their new album 'Age to Age II' at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 21st September at 7.00pm. Tickets - £5-00. We shall be privileged to host Jo and Mike's Christmas concert here at St Thomas More Church this year (Saturday 20th December – matinee and evening performances – note the date now) . In preparation for their concert, they have asked to come and animate our Sunday 9am Mass on Sunday 16th November.

Giving Something Back - APF Red Box Collectors: Following the recent appeal made in the parish, there is a greater need for people to visit homes and count the contents of these small red charity boxes. Perhaps if you wish to be involved in the life of the parish, but are too daunted by the prospect of public roles and ministries, this might be something that you can do in your own time, and without the nervousness of reading or singing in church! **Parish Contacts**: Every time there is a Second Collection in church, there is a charity behind the appeal. These range from CAFOD and Fr Hudson's Society to the Apostleship of the Sea and the Priests Training Fund. Every one of these organisations asks parishes to have a named person to whom they can send materials, that can be brought – as appropriate – to the attention of the parish. Please let us know if you could be a link person for one of these charities.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2009 Parish & Diocese – Please collect an application form today if you are interested in going.

St Osburg's Church Restoration – The Mother Church of our city is due to be restored, beginning this autumn. It will be a major project. If anybody has previous connections with St Osburg's and you would like to make a donation to the restoration work, it can be given in here and forwarded, or sent directly to St Osburg's. The project will require city-wide assistance.

Students for the Priesthood – As Eddie Cerowski from our parish continues his studies for the priesthood, now at Oscott, we pray for him each day, as we pray also for Craig Szmids (now entering his 4th year) and Michael Glover (now entering his 3rd year). Please collect a Vocations Prayer Card today, keep it somewhere in your home where it can be seen by all, and keep our students in your prayers.

Coventry Deanery Vocations Mass – Monday 20th October at 7.30pm at St John Vianney Church, Mount Nod. The main celebrant for this Mass will be Monsignor Mark Crisp, Rector of Oscott College. It would be good to see this Mass well supported by parishioners from St Thomas More, and especially children and families from Years 5 and 6 at our primary school and our students from Bishop Ullathorne School.

Lost Property – Missals, spectacles, children's coats – all of these and more have been left at church and never claimed. If you think any of the above might belong to you, please try to have a look for them after Mass today, in the sacristy area. Thank you.

Birmingham Diocesan Annual Justice and Peace Conference – will be held at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Solihull on Saturday 11th October from 10.30am to 4pm. If anybody would like to represent our parish at this, please see Fr Timothy.