

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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20th Sunday of the Year (A)

August 17th 2008

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –
Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)
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Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to My voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow Me... Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Vivian Ruth Rogers RIP
11.00am Larry Kelly RIP
5.55pm Reception into Church of Mr Tom Clinton RIP
6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (Twenty-first Sunday of the Year, A)

9.00am John Reddan (Anniv.)
11.00am Thomas Ward (Anniv.)
6.00pm People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Monday	10.00am <u>Funeral Mass for Tom Clinton</u>	7.00pm Molly Needham (Anniv.)
Tuesday	9.15am Bill & Michael Browne RIP	7.00pm Noreen McLeod RIP
Wednesday	9.00am John Nephin RIP	7.00pm Brigid Doran RIP
Thursday	9.00am Maura McConaghy	No Evening Mass today
Friday	9.00am Ints of Lee Knight (sick)	No Evening Mass today
Saturday	9.00am Teresa Niro (Anniv.)	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions until 10.30am</i>

RIP – Tom Clinton, David Gormal, Ian Crawley, Sheila Laszczyk, Margaret Synnott, Deacon John Leach

Anniversaries: Cardinal Griffin, Edward McEntee, Agnes Rogan, John Smith, Margaret O'Sullivan, John Mullally, William Fellows, Winifred McDonald, Teresa Rainbow, Patrick Dooley, James O'Brien, Richard Eccles, Jim Keegan, Teresa Niro, Margaret Magennis, Mary O'Callaghan, Brendan Kenny, Thomas Horton, Dennis O'Connor, Peter Giblin, Sheila Flis, Peter O'Hare, Wowka Budkiewicz, Lena George, Frederick Lee, Henry Cavanagh, Joy Pawsey, Ida Meier, Elizabeth Commins, Patrick Delaney, Jessie Marash, John Conboy, Jack Gaught.

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

Year of St Paul – During this week, try to read Romans 14:7-12 – a thought-provoking reflection on this life and heaven.

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £1018-92 Thank you for your generosity.

Rosary Rally – Today – at Grace Dieu Manor, Thringstone, Leicestershire LE67 5UG. Mass begins at 3pm. All welcome.

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. £500 has been sent from donations for tea and coffee after the 11am Mass here since the initiative began. If anybody has previous connections with St Osburg's (family weddings / past parishioners etc..) 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.

Parish Registers – As the parish registers are kept as up to date as possible, please fill in a Parish Census form at the back of church today (and post it through the presbytery door)s if: you are new to the parish, or you have never filled one of these forms in,

or any of your details previously given have changed in the past year or so. All parishioners (not just newcomers) are invited to do so.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Monday 25th August – details on notice boards today. There will be a coach going to this event from Coventry, picking up pilgrims who wish to go, here at St Thomas More.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall – Sunday 31st August – details on notice boards today. We shall not be arranging through the parish this year, but anybody is welcome to make their own way to Harvington. Mass at 3pm. www.harvingtonhall.com

Youth 2000 Retreat for Young Adults and for families, at Walsingham 21st – 25th August, as announced at Masses last weekend. For further details, please phone Vivien on 07792 552 960. There is transport going from Coventry. www.youth2000.org

Coventry Websites:

Coventry Deanery (information about Mass and Confession times around the city, and a place to advertise and report events of interest to the Catholic community): www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

South Coventry Christian Churches (Styvechale, Cheylesmore and Finham): www.southcovchurches.net.

Safeguarding – You may have noticed the change of designation at the top of the weekly newsletter from ‘Child Protection Representatives’ to ‘Safeguarding Representatives’. This signals a new phase in the Church’s duty of care towards children and vulnerable adults. More will be said about this in due course, but please feel free to ask Beryl or Malcolm about their role.

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.

Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly – This annual event will be held at St Peter’s School in Solihull on Saturday 11th October from 10.30am to 4.15pm. Theme: *There are no Strangers*. Speakers: Francis Davis and Shari Brown. It would be good if parishioners of all ages were able to attend this day, and to represent the parish. www.birminghamjandp.org.uk

World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, July 2008. Some testimonies from the St Thomas More pilgrims

Robert Pears (who has been an altar server in our parish for 14 years) writes...
Hi, my name is Rob. I am 21 and was invited to World Youth Day 2008 by Father Tim. I decided to go because I believed that it would be an uplifting experience for me which would allow me to connect with similar like minded individuals and see how the youth of today view faith and how it integrates with modern society. There was a large group of us going from the Birmingham Diocese - 79 in total. The thing that I gained the most from the experience was making new friendships through faith; I socially interacted with people who like me are practicing Catholics and share similar social interests. It was interesting to see how different people from different countries responded to the scale of WYD and how they expressed their faith, whether it was through singing and dancing, giving free hugs or just talking about the way they see faith portrayed in the world. Randwick racecourse where the final mass was held was a very interesting experience; it was huge, almost claustrophobic - there were over 400,000 people there, we had live bands singing, a rapping priest from America which all took place before the vigil and the final mass. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Australia and would not hesitate to go back to the country or to another event such as WYD.

Laura Martin (who has been a reader in our parish for 7 years) writes...

World Youth Day gave us more than an opportunity to learn more about our faith. No matter how tiny, everybody we met played a part in our own individual experience. The warm welcome we received from everybody gave us an opportunity to show that not all young people deserve a bad reputation. In Melbourne and Sydney we were proud to be young Catholics, not to be questioned, sometimes negatively about our faith, but to celebrate the fact that 300,000 Catholics felt a sense of belonging, and came from different corners of the world to join in a mass led by Pope Benedict XVI. The gathering of so many Catholics on a freezing cold racecourse gave us a chance to celebrate mass on such a large scale with people who share the same beliefs and ideals as us. Also, to get freezing cold and end up ill the next day! As we were shown fantastic hospitality from the people we stayed with in Melbourne it was nice to learn that they were as excited about our visit as we were. They welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like members of their parish and almost members of their families.

Not only did we learn more about our faith but we discovered another side to our parish priest: the trip to the Neighbours set was a highlight for a lot of us, Father Tim being no exception, despite his protesting!

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