

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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25th Sunday of Year (A)

September 21st 2008

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call Him

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Philip Brannigan RIP

11.00am Ints of Clive & Stella Robinson

6.00pm People of the Parish

Next Sunday (26th Sunday of the Year, A)

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Michael Walker RIP

6.00pm Michelina Fierro RIP

Masses This Week

Monday 9.00am Edna Bevins RIP

Tuesday 9.15am Ints of Lee Knight (sick)

Wednesday 9.00am John Ross RIP

Thursday 9.00am Margaret & Dennis O'Flynn RIP

Friday 9.00am Robert Mellor RIP

Saturday 9.00am Ints of SVP family

7.00pm Phyllis Najdowski RIP

7.00pm Canon Albert Adams (Anniv.)

7.00pm Liz Parrott RIP

7.00pm Brigid Doran RIP

No Evening Mass today.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 10.30am

RIP – Hughie McNaboe, Cynthia Phillips, Tina Larque, Frederick Corduff.

Anniversaries:- Mgr. Michael McTernan, Fr. Paul Orchard, Mgr. Henry Farrelly, David Munniman, Julie Higgins, Mary Graham, Thomas Scrimshire, Catherine Ford, Samuel Devlin, Frances Pearce, Marjorie Kelly, Bridget Warden, Wilfred Cole, Joan Keenan, George Broughton, John Galloway, William Long, Mary Daly, Bernard Donovan, Edna Cabolt, Percy Bellezza, Helen Ryan, Eileen Norris, Edward Maher, Ellen Kelly, Beda McGovern, Betty McGovern, Sylvia Jenkins.

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, 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 – Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. Philippians 1:27
Please collect a sheet about the Letter to the Philippians which we listen to for the coming weeks at Sunday Mass.

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £1056-97 Thank you for your generosity.

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

There will be a Second Collection next Sunday for the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (national organisation).

Today the 9am Mass marks the beginning of the new school year, and we welcome staff and children, parents and governors of St Thomas More Primary School. We pray for God's guidance on the year ahead, in the development of our education and faith.

Catholic Today – The new edition of the diocesan newspaper is available today, priced 50p. There is a special feature on the presentation of the Diocesan Ubi Caritas Award to our parishioners Mary Hulme, Mandy Kelly and Claire Rutter at St Chad's Cathedral last June. Also appearing are Fr Michael Gamble, and Canon Tom Farrell's Silver Jubilee Celebration last July.

Readers Rota – The new rota begins today and is available from the sacristy now.

Parish Youth Group – meets after the 6pm Mass today. Year 7 + are welcome. Margaret Roper Room.

SVP – Meets tomorrow (Monday) after the 9am Mass, in the Guild Room. New members are always welcome.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week there will be a talk on the work of NSPCC. All welcome.

Newman Association – meets this Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Margaret Roper Room. The first of a series of talks on Cardinal John Henry Newman at a time where it is thought he will soon be declared Blessed. **Newman and his Legacy** – a talk by Fr Philip Cleevely from the Birmingham Oratory, the Church in Edgbaston founded by Newman. All parishioners are most welcome.

Extend – Movement to music for the over sixties and the less able. Thursday mornings, beginning again this week (25th) at 9.45am

RCIA – Journey in Faith – These sessions have begun, but anybody who wishes to come is very welcome. They will take place 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.

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 **today**. 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 and complete the Gift Aid declaration if you are able. Fr Hudson's will be able to reclaim the tax.

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 **this evening (Sunday)** 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.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School and Humanities College is commended for their excellent examination results in the Summer. They are the only school in Coventry where all SATS results in English, Maths and Science are higher than last year. Both their GCSE and A' level results are amongst the top in the city with 71% gaining 5+ A*-C grades.

St Thomas More Parish v Oscott College Football Match – this Saturday at 2.00pm at Oscott. All parishioners welcome.

Parish Visit to Oscott College – The staff and students of Oscott College, priest training college for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, invite parishioners of St Thomas More to spend an afternoon at the college, to have tea, a guided tour including the college museum and chapel, and finally to celebrate Evening Prayer with the staff and students. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet at the church door today. The date for this trip is Sunday 12th October. Depart from here approx 2.30pm; Return 8pm.

Corpus Christi Parish Golden Jubilee Celebrations – Fr Adrian and the parishioners of Corpus Christi invite you to share in the special Mass to mark the end of their Golden Jubilee Year. It will take place on Friday 3rd October at 7.00pm

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

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.

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. Please collect a Vocations prayer card today, keep it at home, and pray for vocations each day.

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.

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.