

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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22nd Sunday of the Year (A)

August 31st 2008

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: For You my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Mary Canning (Anniv.)

6.00pm Frank O'Malley (Anniv.)

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

9.00am Kathleen & Joe Molloy RIP

11.00am Jack O'Neill RIP

6.00pm Martin Ward RIP

Masses This Week

Monday	9.00am Mary Dwyer RIP	6.55pm Reception into church of Mrs Cynthia Phillips RIP	7.00pm Frank Phillips RIP
Tuesday	9.15am Special Intention	12 noon Funeral Mass for Mrs Cynthia Phillips	7.00pm George Goodfellow RIP
Wednesday	9.00am Mgr James Crichton (Anniv.)		7.00pm Sheila Colby (Anniv.)
Thursday	9.00am Peter Barwell		7.00pm Joan Harbourne RIP
Friday	9.00am Bernadette Landolt Casanova RIP		7.00pm Marie Ainsworth RIP
Saturday	9.00am Mary Anne Ferris RIP	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.30am to 10.30am	

Mrs Tina Larque RIP – Funeral Service to be held at Canley Crematorium this Tuesday (2nd) at 12 noon. Parishioners are welcome.

RIP – Cynthia Phillips, Tina Larque, Tom Clinton, David Gormal, Margaret Synnott, Ann Brown, Fr Kevin Donovan sj.

Anniversaries: Canon Joseph Nightingale, Bp. Francis Thomas, Mgr. James Crichton, Edna Barton, Patrick Carroll, Sheila Colby, Maureen Vaughan, Elia Gregory, Robert Harvey, Ludmila Cerowski, Eileen Barnett, Emma Barnett, Mick Muldrone, Alan Dawson,

Michael McCabe, Con Sexton, Lucy Beale, Stella McWilliams, Vincent Panico, Laura Panico, Frank Smith, Jan Wachowski,

Mary Quirke, Jean Leonard, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans, George Ostick, Bridget Galvin, Joseph Keane, Madge Pollard,

Teresa Beckett, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Mary Desmond, Barbara Cullinane, James Spooner, Annie Whitters.

Sick List – Please pray for Fr Louis Purcell, Fr Anthony Frainey, 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, Hughie McNaboe, 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, 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, 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 – Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but change, with a new mind... (Romans 12:1-2)

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £1059.47 Thank you for your generosity. *There will be no second collection next Sunday.*

World Youth Day presentation to families and parishioners – this evening (Sunday) at 7.30pm in the Margaret Roper Room. All parishioners are very welcome to hear some of the experiences of the trip, which you supported in so many ways.

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 – Please fill in a Parish Census form at the back of church today (and post it through the presbytery door) if: you are new to the parish, or if any of your details previously given have changed in the past year or so. Thank you.

Tuesday Society – A group within the parish for those who, by their own admission, have ‘wintered into wisdom’. Meets each week during school term times, from 2pm to 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. The new season begins this Tuesday (2nd) with a Ploughman’s Lunch and Party. New members and visitors are always welcome, for fun and friendship, with speakers & events.

School Bus to Bishop Ullathorne – Please note that the No. 44 bus to Bishop Ullathorne will have a changed route from 1st September. Parents and students are asked to contact Travel de Courcey for any clarification of this change: Tel. 76 302656.

Sunday 11am Choir – The choir will re-convene rehearsals in the Guild Room at 7.30pm this Friday evening, and will be singing at Mass from next Sunday. New members are always welcome. Enthusiasm and a willingness to be part of the life of the parish are the two qualifications necessary. Please do not wait to be asked. All parishioners who enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument are asked to make themselves known, and to come along to be part of the music at the Mass they usually attend: 9am, 11am or 6pm.

Friends of the Poor Clares at Baddesley Clinton – are holding another fundraising Coffee Morning in the grounds of the Convent, Rising Lane, (nr Knowle) B93 0DD this Saturday (6th) from 10am to 12 noon. Tea, coffee, jam, marmalade, bouncy castle, games, bric-a-brac and lots more. Please remember the Sisters in your prayers, as they have given their lives to contemplative prayer.

Malta Day – UK – Saturday 13th September - a day of reunion and celebration for Maltese people living in the UK, in the grounds of Westminster Cathedral. Includes Mass celebrated by the Bishop of Gozo at 2.30pm in the Cathedral, followed by a procession and fireworks. From 10am to 2pm there will be food, art, crafts and music. All welcome. For further details: Tel. 0207 292 4800.

Annual Coventry Intercultural Mass – Sunday 14th September at 5.30pm at St John Fisher Church, Tiverton Road, Wyken. All are welcome to celebrate the Mass with music and prayers representing different cultures of the Catholic world, and to taste the different cultural food in the Parish Centre after Mass. You are welcome to wear national dress, to take part in the offertory procession, or to read a bidding prayer or say words of welcome to the congregation in your native language. Tel. 76 443459.

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.

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.

RCIA – Talks on the Catholic Faith – Our Journey in faith programme with our friends from St John Vianney Parish begins again on **Thursday 18th September**. It is for lifelong Catholics, members of their families, those who are members of other church communities or faith groups, or those who do not belong to any particular church. The main aim is to strengthen Catholics in their knowledge of the faith, and to introduce newcomers to the basics of what we believe. There is no commitment to become a Catholic, but there has been a very positive response from Catholics, learning new things week by week about their faith. Now is the time to think about coming. Now is the time to tell others about these talks. Is there somebody you have thought about asking before, but never quite managed to? This is the year. Talks will be held in the Margaret Roper Room each Thursday evening. All are welcome.

Heritage Weekend - 13th/14th September. As mentioned recently in the Coventry Telegraph, the Whitefriars Monastery and Charterhouse (the Carthusian Monastery) will be open to the public that weekend. These were the two monastic ruins that formed the beginning and end of our Coventry Corpus Christi Procession this year. They form part of the history of our Catholic faith in Coventry, and may be of interest to parishioners, families and friends to visit.

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.

Cardinal John Henry Newman – You may be aware through articles in Catholic and national newspapers, that the Venerable John Henry Newman who lived and worked in Birmingham, who converted to Catholicism, and who founded the Birmingham Oratory, is likely to be declared ‘Blessed’ – the second step to sainthood – by the Vatican in the near future. In conjunction with this probability, the Coventry Newman Association (part of a national association founded in his memory, and to promote the education of lay people in their faith) plans to offer a series of talks, open to all, on Newman and his Legacy (23rd September); Newman and his Conversion (7th October) and Newman and his Poetry (25th November). All sessions will be in the Margaret Roper at 7.45pm.

Just Listen – If you would like to be a better listener to family, friends, colleagues, you are invited to watch this DVD course on Monday evenings 6th, 13th and 20th October at 7.45pm at Christchurch, Frankpledge Road, Cheylesmore. More details: 76 504679.

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