

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (A)

July 6<sup>th</sup> 2008

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –

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**Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless Your name for ever, O God my King.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Jim Rees (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Ints of Amy Kinsella & Mark Mitrofanuk  
(Marriage)

**6.00pm** Special Int. (McDermott family)

## Next Sunday (Fifteenth Sunday of the Year, A)

**9.00am** David McKenzie (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Martin Doran (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Masses This Week (NB Evening Masses on Monday and Wednesday only)

**Monday 9.00am** Ints of Michael Bacon

**7.00pm** In Thanksgiving (World Youth Day)

**Tuesday 9.15am** Mary Jones RIP

**6.00pm Reception into Church of Mr Patrick Fox RIP**

**No Evening Mass**

**Wednesday 9.00am** Edna Bevins RIP

**11.00am Funeral Service for Patrick Fox**

**7.00pm** Vin Rutter RIP

**Thursday 9.00am** Desmond Atherton RIP

**No Evening Mass**

**Friday 9.00am** Ints of Bert & Esther Buckingham

**No Evening Mass**

**Saturday 9.00am** Charlie McAnespie RIP

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am*

**No Confessions today.**

**RIP** – Joe Anderson, Patrick Fox, Thomas Bailey, Miriam McGuinness, Dolores Hackett, Tony Gibbs, Ellen Dermody.

**Anniversaries:-** Anastasia McAree, Bernard Maxwell, William Porter, Vincent Panico, Olive Harris, Edward Costello,

Richard Fawcett, James Gavin, Delia O'Grady, Eileen Brumby, Leslie Sidwell, Desmond Atherton, John Horner,

Kathleen Postlethwaite, Joseph Hanlon, Evelyn Hemming, Bernard Wood, Catherine Hannigan, Joseph D'Arcy,

Margaret Fitzgerald, David McKenzie, Juliet Brinsley, Margaret McEntee, Donald McKenzie, Grace Collwood, Agnes Pearson

**Sick List** – Please pray for Fr Louis Purcell, Fr Anthony Fraaney, Ian Crawley, Charles MacKinnon, Ann Brown, Hannah McBride, John Leach, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Fr John Bentley, Ruby Wilson, Rose Green, Jack Holloway, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Hughie McNaboe, Mary Doran, Anne Donoghue, Anne Thomson, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Esme Pain, Warren Luyt, Jonjo Rooney, Alice Hopkins, Madeleine Philips, Teresa Johnson, Kitty Ryan, Kevin Bills, Patrick Linthwaite, Francis Andrews, Bill Middleton, Sr. Angela Black SND, 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, Tony Armstrong, Matthew Plant, Gertrude Kelly, Elizabeth Garry, Laura Smallwood, Tina Larque, Teresa Mellon, Arthur Thornhill, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, Joan Gardner, David Gormal, Teresa Johnson, Norman Arnold, Anne Gallimore, Bridget O'Connor and housebound parishioners.

**Year of St Paul** – Pope Benedict has asked that the year beginning with today's Feast, should be kept and observed as a year of prayer to and study of the person and writings of St Paul. It marks the 2000<sup>th</sup> birth of Paul, an influential thinker, teacher and probably the most famous convert to Christianity. Sheets on the writings of St Paul will be distributed and resources in parish shop.

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

**Last Sunday's Collections:** Main £1121-56

Second Collection for Peter's Pence. £628-40

Thank you for your

generosity.

**Today** – DayforLife.org – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life – will focus this year on the theme of mental health. It will help raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill-health, their friends, their family and their carers, and the support that the parish community and professional services can bring. **There will be a Second Collection.**

**The 11am Mass today** welcomes the children of Year 6 who are preparing to move on to Secondary Schools.

**Next Sunday** there will be an appeal made by Fr Denis O'Connor, a Mill Hill missionary. He will be promoting red mission collecting boxes in homes in our parish, and will seek help in collecting through the year. There will be no collection for this.

**Next Sunday – Sea Sunday** – There will be Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, promoting faith among seafarers.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Staffordshire** –The coach will leave from St Thomas More at 12.30pm **today**. You are advised to bring a picnic lunch, and a folding chair or blanket to sit on if you wish. The Main Celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass will Bishop David McGough. There will be special prayers for the sick.

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm, Margaret Roper Room. All welcome. This week, a Beetle Drive.

**Extend** – meets on Thursday mornings at 10.00am in the Margaret Roper Room. Gentle seated exercise to music. All welcome.

**World Youth Day** – Fr Timothy and 10 young adults from our parish will travel first to Melbourne and then to Sydney for this celebration of faith for young adults with Pope Benedict XVI. Your generosity as a parish has made it possible for the young people to make this journey. Please pray for them, that this experience will help them to continue to live out their life of faith in the future. **Tomorrow evening (Monday)** the 7pm Mass will be one of thanksgiving and Prayer for a safe journey. If you have Sky TV, the channel EWTN (channel 769) covers Papal visits and ceremonies, and so that might be the best place to follow what is going on in Sydney between 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July is the day of the World Youth Day Mass, and it is preceded by a Night Vigil on Randwick Racecourse in Sydney. Hopefully Pope Benedict travelling to Australia will make the news!

**Congratulations** to Fr Dominic Kavanagh, a son of Sacred Heart Parish in Coventry, and now Parish Priest of St Augustine's, Solihull, who this week celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. Our best wishes go to Fr Dominic, and to members of his family who live in our parish.

**Justice and Peace** - the next meeting is on Thursday 10th July at 7.45pm in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

**What does your faith mean to you?** The Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins again in September. This is the series which leads people deeper into the life of the Catholic Church. Do you know anybody who is interested in our faith, without any commitment? Would you like to grow in your own faith, perhaps fill in some of the gaps, ask some questions? The sessions will return to St Thomas More Church from September this year, but we shall continue to collaborate with our friends from St John Vianney Church. The sessions are on Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm. Now is the time to invite somebody to come. **Maryvale Institute** – If you would like to deepen your faith in a more structured way, then why not consider one of the courses being offered by Maryvale Institute in Birmingham: Certificate in Studies in the Catechism, Certificate in New Testament Studies, Certificate in Catechesis. If you are interested in any of these, please phone Maryvale on 0121 360 8118.

**Ordinations to the Priesthood** – It is an encouraging summer for Priestly Ordinations in our diocese. Among them are quite possibly people whom you have prayed for in recent years on the Daily Vocations Prayer Card: Cecil Rogerson, Christopher Miller, Robert Devaney, John Peyton, Bernard Garratt and Paul Smith. We thank God for his goodness, and pray for our new priests.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Evesham – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Confessions at the Catholic Church in Evesham 10am to 12 noon. Solemn Mass in the Abbey Grounds at 1pm, followed by Procession and Benediction. Main Celebrant is Bishop David McGough, A coach is being organised by All Souls Parish in Coventry. The cost, per person, will be approximately £8-00. If you are interested in joining the All Souls pilgrims, please contact the Presbytery at All Souls by Tuesday of this week, at the latest: 76 674161.

**Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Rosary Rally** – at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Includes Mass at 3pm followed by Procession, Benediction and the Blessing of the Sick. All are welcome.

**Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Bishop Philip Pargeter will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass. All altar servers of our parish and their families are most welcome to attend.

**100 Club Winners for June** – 1<sup>st</sup> £20 Ina Murphy; 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 Lesley Whelan; 3<sup>rd</sup> £8 Rachel Thompson; 4<sup>th</sup> £7 Polly Jurczak; 5<sup>th</sup> £5 Mr and Mrs Leray; 6<sup>th</sup> £4 Mrs James. Thank you for your support for the 100 club which benefits our primary school.

**Vouchers for Schools** – Many thanks for all the vouchers given through the parish to our primary school in recent months.

**Cardinal Newman Catholic School** – seeks to appoint three Cover Supervisors from this September. Details and application forms are available from the school office on 76 332382 or at [admin@cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk).

**Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, Coventry** – seeks an enthusiastic and committed Catholic who enjoys working with young people to join its Chaplaincy Team from this September. For further details, please contact the school on 76 617231.

**Deacon Pat and Deacon Tony** will be available on the numbers at the top of the newsletter for parish business this week.