

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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23rd Sunday of the Year (A)

September 7th 2008

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Kathleen & Joe Molloy RIP

11.00am Jack O'Neill RIP

6.00pm Martin Ward RIP

Next Sunday (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Year A)

9.00am Ints of Maura Stone (sick)

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm Joe Molloy (Anniv.)

Masses This Week

Monday 9.00am Catherine McLetchie

Tuesday 9.15am Ints of Maurice Carter (sick)

Wednesday 9.00am Sheila O'Connell RIP

Thursday 9.00am Cynthia Phillips RIP

Friday 9.00am Charles McAnespie RIP

Saturday 9.00am Julia Joyce (Anniv.)

7.00pm Paul Lyddieth RIP

7.00pm Rose Rinaldi

7.00pm Ints of Clive Robinson

6.00pm Ints of Rose Steele (sick)

7.00pm Ints of Robert & Joan Smith (Golden Wedding)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am

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

Anniversaries: Fr. David Hutt, Michael Higgins, Paul Wright, Antonia Slattery, Kathleen Unsworth, Michael Doyle, Frances Cairns, Winifred Ansall, Kathleen McSweeney, Katherine Tabram, Sydney Beaufoy, Donald Rushworth, Caroline Kennedy, Mary Slattery, Brigid Goollogly, James McCarron, Donald Holyland, Laetitia Yardley, Armando Malfatti, Alice Quinn, Rita Bloxham, Agnes Davies, Kevin Sweeney, Janet Etienne, Betty Hughes, David Nicholls, Marcus Johnson, Georgina Taylor, Elizabeth Watkins, Seamus Walsh, John O'Kane, Mary Backhouse, James Jackson, Mary Campbell, Anne Higgins, Winifred McDonald.

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 and housebound parishioners.

Year of St Paul – *Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.*

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £1243 -75. Thank you for your generosity. *Please note – There is no Second Collection today.*

Next Sunday is the transferred Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Special readings available today.

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.

SVP Meeting this week – After the 9am Mass tomorrow (Monday) in the Guild Room. New members always welcome.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week: Monologues by Malcolm Pollard. All welcome.

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.

Parish Young Adults Group – will meet again next Sunday 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.

Prayers at Canley Cemetery – Next Sunday 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.

RCIA – Journey in Faith – These sessions begin for the new term on 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.

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.

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.

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, that God will guide him in the important decisions he makes for the future. We also pray for those we know in training: Craig Szmidt (now entering his 4th year) and Michael Gould (now entering his 3rd year). St John Vianney: Pray for them.

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, Coventry celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The Boys' School opened in 1958 and the Girls' School in 1959 so it will be an academic year celebrating both. The inaugural Mass will be celebrated at St John Fisher Church, Tiverton Road, Wyken on Thursday 11th September at 7.00pm. All are welcome, especially past pupils and their families.

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.

Euro 2008 Football Competition – Thank you for your support in the score prediction competition last summer. The winner was Frazer Watts, the ticket having been sold through St Augustine's Parish in Coventry. Many thanks to Chris Noonan and all those who assisted him in setting up the competition, selling forms, and marking them. £1,025-86 was raised for charities.

Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley – Jo and Mike will be appearing on *Songs of Praise* this evening (7th Sept) BBC1 at 5.25pm. They 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. More details: www.cjmmusic.com.

Coventry Praise – Saturday 13th September. Continues the theme of Hope 2008. Guest speaker will be Rev. Sandy Millar from Holy Trinity, Brompton. The event in Coventry Cathedral begins at 7pm, but you are welcome to join the party in the Cathedral ruins from 6pm, featuring Kombat Breakers, the Blue Coat Gospel Choir, and circus acts.

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.