

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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15th Sunday of the Year, Year C

July 11th 2010

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Responsorial Psalm: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

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 David McKenzie (Anniv.)

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm Joe Hartnett RIP

Next Sunday (16th Sunday of the Year, Year C)

9.00am Ints of Fr Timothy

11.00am Leo Boyce (Anniv.)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Monday 8.30am Ints of Anne Graham (sick)

Tuesday 5.30pm Reception into church of Mrs Nora Chandler RIP 7.00pm Special Intention (Cunningham)

Wednesday 12 noon Funeral Mass for Mrs Nora Chandler 7.00pm Ints & Kerry Sullivan & Stewart Smith (Marriage)

Thursday 9.00am Harry Mellon RIP

Friday 9.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion **11.00am Funeral Service for Maureen Davidson 6.00pm** John O'Brien (Anniv.)

Saturday 9.00am Mary Hynes (Anniv.) *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30 - 10.30am*
12.30pm Wedding Mass for Kerry Sullivan & Stewart Smith

RIP – Mgr Tom Gavin, Mgr Peter Stonier, Kathleen Kelleher, Mary Hunt, Dr Frank Webb, Sir Christopher Moran, Maureen Davidson, Ita Ward, Liz Ferguson, Alan Williams, Bethany Preston, Nora Chandler, Sean McDaid, Kathleen Hurley, Elizabeth McCarthy, Lillian Stokes.

Anniversaries – Thomas Patton, Elizabeth Lacey, Brian O'Connor, Catherine Hannigan, Frank Embleton, Sarah Hynd, Joseph D'Arcy, Donald McKenzie, Anthony Gomez, Celia Murray, Leslie Moore, Margaret Fitzgerald, Grace Collwood, Barbara Blythe, Elizabeth Beaufof, Brendan Corrigan, Hyacinth Nicholls, David McKenzie, Agnes Pearson, Mary Delahunty, Ellen Duffy, Bridget Keane, Francis Buckley, Grace McCabe, Sean McCallion, Lulu Lopez, Martin Doran, Francis Coady, John Davies

Sick List – Please pray for Jane Dewsnap, Paul Bainbridge, Brian Roberts, Doris Lees, Patricia Daines, Larry Kelly, Nick Byrne, Anne Graham,

Bridget McConnell, Maura Stone, Tommy Wainwright, Danny Doherty, Catherine Shorney, Charmaine Cross, Winnie Gallagher, Joan Pears, Anne Gallimore, Michael Wilson, Jeanne Gould, Helen Freeman, Dolores Heffernan, Mary Smith, Simon Pameley, Catherine Darragh, Fr Seamus Mulholland, Margaret Cash, Lorna Jespersion, Lucy Sargent, Tony Gill and all sick parishioners, family and friends.

Last Sunday's Collection £1216-60. *Thank you very much*

Today – Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. The 2nd Collection for the Day for Life will now be taken on 25th July.

Tea and Coffee – available in the Margaret Roper Room after the 9am and 11am Masses today. All welcome.

Catholic Today – The new edition of our diocesan newspaper, with special features on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, and choir preparations for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman. Priced 50p. Please take a copy.

New Rota for Readers – Available from the sacristy today. Please let somebody know if you will miss a date given to you.

Stepping Stones – Congratulations to our parish-based parents and toddlers group which has been voted 'Most outstanding Baby & Toddler Group' in a national competition. Anybody who has been involved or a recipient of its fun and friendship on Friday

afternoons in the Margaret Roper Room will know that this award is well merited. Particular thanks go to Debbie Middleton whose dedication to Stepping Stones is so much appreciated. Debbie works alongside Anne Mee and Maria Banbrook, and has been supported by a number of fellow mums and parishioners in recent years. **Today**, after 9am Mass, we shall celebrate with them.

Feasts of the week – *Thursday* St Bonaventure; *Friday* Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings for Next Sunday – Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42.

Next Sunday (18th July) the 11am Mass will be a Mass of thanksgiving for the end of the school year. It will be for all children and parents, staff and governors of St Thomas More School and, as always, all parishioners are very welcome.

After the 11am Mass next Sunday, there will be a Parish Picnic on the grounds of St Thomas More School.

Ubi Caritas Awards – Charles Addison, John Brogan and Beryl Gill will receive this award at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham **this Thursday (15th)**. All parishioners are welcome at this Mass. The buses for Birmingham will leave from the church at 5.30pm prompt. Or you may make your own way to Birmingham. The signing up lists are now closed. Following the Mass, we shall return immediately from Birmingham, for some refreshments in the Margaret Roper Room.

Mrs Elizabeth McCarthy RIP – Mrs McCarthy, the former caretaker of our primary school, died last Sunday, and her funeral took place during the past week, due to family circumstances and travel arrangements. Elizabeth and her husband Danny gave many years of faithful service to our school and parish community. We pray for their family. May Elizabeth rest in peace.

Thank you – Recently ordained deacon Craig Szmidt thanks the parishioners of St Thomas More for their kind thoughts, prayers and gifts on the occasion of his ordination at Oscott College. **Oscottian Magazine** – Please take a free copy of the latest edition of the college magazine, charting the life of the students on their journey to the priesthood.

Simon Baker, our resident student for the priesthood, attended the Invocation event at Oscott College last weekend. He has been using some of his musical skills in our church and school in the past week, and continues to find parish life challenging and busy.

Fr Adrian MacNamara – who has been Parish Priest of our partner parish of Corpus Christi, Ernesford Grange, has been appointed as Parish Priest of Ss George & Martin's, Stoke on Trent. Fr Adrian has been parish priest at Corpus Christi since 1999. We wish him well in his new apostolate, and thank him for his commitment to our partnership of parishes, with St Anne's.

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) – Tomorrow (Monday) after the 8.30am Mass, in the Guild Room. All welcome.

Tuesday Society – This week: For this week's trip to Birmingham, the coach leaves from St Thomas More at 10.45am.

Extend – This Thursday at 9.45am in the Margaret Roper Room.

Sign Language – This Thursday at 6pm in the Guild Room.

RCIA / Journey in Faith has now finished for the summer. It will re-commence, on Thursday evenings, here at St Thomas More Church from mid-September through to this time next year. Perhaps now is a good time to think about coming to these sessions yourself, to grow in your faith, deepen your knowledge of something that has always been a part of your life. Or do you know somebody who is not a member of our Catholic faith but who might like to discover more, in a welcoming environment?

Margaret Roper Room Bookings – A gentle reminder to any parish groups who use the MRR or Guild Room regularly, that they should make known to Mrs Bridie Lucas their use of the rooms over the summer. It is most helpful to have a finishing date for July and a starting date for September for any group not meeting over the summer, as these will not be the same for all groups.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School & Humanities College – Open Evening **this Wednesday 14th July** at 6.00pm.

Faith Today – The next (3rd) Edition of this new Publication of the Bishops' Conference is out today. Price: £1-95. Do take one.

World Youth Day 2011 meeting – There will be a meeting of those who have sent in registration forms to go to World Youth Day in August 2011, and parents, to discuss some of the practicalities of the trip, and to look to fundraising and any issues people might wish to raise. The meeting will be on Tuesday 27th July at 7pm in the Margaret Roper Room. Please spread the word!

Pope's Visit to Britain – www.thepapalvisit.org.uk, www.newmancause.co.uk, www.newmanreader.org. We continue to pray for the Holy Father as his visit to our country grows closer. He will celebrate the Beatification Mass for Cardinal John Henry Newman at Cofton Park in Birmingham on Sunday 19th September. Details about tickets will hopefully be announced very soon.

Newsletter Format – Following a 4-week trial of the 'new' format, it is now time for feedback. We return to the normal newsletter for the summer, and if there is sufficient interest in the colour A3 size of previous weeks, we can continue in September.