



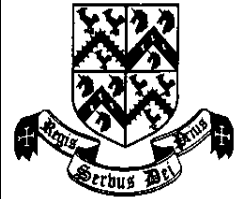
ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11th August 2013

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Sunday Masses:	9.00 a.m.	Martin Brennan (Anniv)	
	11.00 a.m.	Bridget Love (RIP)	
	6.00 p.m.	Joe Armstrong (Anniv)	
Weekday Masses			
12 th August Monday	9.00 a.m.	Jim Jackson (Mem Mass)	
	7.00 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8.00 p.m.	
13 th August Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Deceased Keating Family	
			<i>Blessed William Freeman</i>
14 th August Wednesday	6.00 p.m.	Prayer Group with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.00 p.m.	Michael Jackson (RIP)	Vigil of the Assumption
15 th August Thursday	Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady: Holyday of Obligation		
	9.00 a.m.	Nina Cox (RIP)	
	7.00 p.m.	John Lydskey (Anniv)	
16 th August Friday	9.00 a.m.	Intentions K McDermott (Bday)	<i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>
17 th August Saturday	9.00 a.m.	Teresa Niro (RIP)	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
	9.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.30 a.m.	
CONFESSION	9.30 a.m. - 10.20 a.m.		

"This is our Faith.

This is the Faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus Our Lord. Amen."

Morning/Evening Prayer of the Church will be said 20 minutes before all weekday Mass

Please note that there is a loop system in our church. Set your hearing aid to 'T'. Best reception at side walls of the church

THIS SUNDAY: NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR;

ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS: The parishioners of The Good Shepherd, SS Elizabeth's and Helen, Foleshill, cordially invite you to their Annual celebration of the Multicultural Mass of the African Day **TODAY** at 2.45 p.m. Bishop James Wainaina of Muranga Diocese, Kenya, will preside over the Mass. After Mass there will be refreshments, African food and Curry as well as BBQ in the parish centre and garden.

Collection: Last Sunday: £911.54 Monthly Standing Orders for July £731.00 *Thank You*

NEXT SUNDAY: TWENTIETH SUNDAY 18th August 2013

9.00 a.m. Sister Marie de Bon Garant Volant (RIP)

11.00 a.m. Parishioner Intention's

12.15 p.m. **Baptism:** Cara McConville

6.00 p.m. Margaret & Charles Griffin (Anniv)

Next Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 **Psalm:** 39

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION of our BLESSED LADY: Holyday of Obligation: This feast recalls the assumption of Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Having been persevered from all sin from the first moment of her conception, Mary is taken up into heaven since her body is uncorrupted by sin and decay. Mary takes her place in heaven to share in the glory of her divine Son, Jesus. Mass times: Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Thursday 9.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: Sunday 8th September at 3.00 p.m. in the Church for all parents wishing to have their children baptised. Contact Lynda Tel: 024 7641 1893

SICK LIST: Fr. George Bennett, Caroline Cunningham, Bridie Farrell, Ian Lucas, Kitty Budkiewjez, David Warr, Caroline Doran, Pam Brown, Maureen Carvell, Bill McGiven, Paul Norris, Heidi O'Neil, Gail Brown, Dolores Hefferman, Kathleen Brown, Joseph Cooney, Ellen Bell, Isa Boyle, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, Jack Garry.
Mary, Mother most chaste: Pray for us. (Names for the Sick list to Clergy)

RIP: Mary O'Hagin, Henry Evans, Ann Murphy, Michael Whelan, Michael Jackson, Carl Harris, Nina Cox, Mark Shaw, Elaine Slater, Deacon Ralph Watkins, Jim Gallagher and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

PARISH READERS: There will be an evening of reflection and training for all Parish Readers on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.45 p.m. The session will be repeated on Saturday 7th September at 10.45 a.m. so that all Readers, who have such an important parish ministry may be able to attend and grow as they proclaim God's holy word. New readers welcome to attend. **New Rota available in Sacristy.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2014: In September we will begin the preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion. **Confirmation Meeting** for parents of children in Year 6 on Wednesday 11th September 7.00 p.m. **Communion Meeting** for parents of children in Year 3 on Wed 18th September at 6.00 p.m. A full list of dates will be available at the meeting. Both meetings will be in the Margaret Roper Room.

PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group meets every **WEDNESDAY at 6.00 p.m.** in the Day Chapel/MRR

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: After training, Claire Rutter has been appointed as an 'parish safeguarding officer' to work with Malcolm Pollard. I am grateful to them both for the work they do to ensure we have a safe parish for all.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: With Blessed Pope John Paul II being made a Saint later in the year it seems fitting to organise a pilgrimage to Poland. This pilgrimage would take in Krakow, Wadowice, the birthplace of Blessed John Paul, the Basilica of Divine Mercy, Our Lady's shrine at Czestochowa, also known as the Black Madonna and a visit to Auschwitz. Cost £625 Possible dates would be 23rd - 27th April 2014, during the Easter Holidays. Provisional details at the back of church.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to HARVINGTON HALL on Sunday 1st September 2013 Confessions from 1.45 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. and Mass at 3.00 p.m. Principal Celebrant & Preacher: Our very own Mgr Tim Please see poster in the porch. St John Wall has connections with our Parish as his relics are contained within our Altar. I would encourage all parishioners to visit Harvington. A coach will leave St Thomas More's at 12.15 p.m. See list at the back of the Church.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS: In addition to the four Eucharistic Prayers usually used in Mass, there are a further six Eucharistic Prayers found in the Missal. "for Reconciliation and four for various needs: for Unity; for Salvation; Jesus the way to the Father and Jesus who went about doing good. Over the next few weeks and months we shall introduce these additional Eucharistic Prayers which are most beautiful and prayerful.

YEAR OF FAITH: To celebrate the Year of Faith, His Grace the Archbishop will celebrate Mass in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 5th October in the afternoon. This is a Deanery event and all parishioners are invited to celebrate the rich faith of our City. We will be welcomed by the Bishop of Coventry. Do put the date in your diary and iPhone. Free transport by way of a 'double decker' bus will be available from STM to the Cathedral and back.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: The plans for the new school have now been passed by the Local Authority. Now the contracts can be signed by the EFA, Diocese and Contractors with work expected to begin in September. This is great news. Keep up the prayers. St Thomas More: Pray for us. Blessed John Henry Newman: Pray for us

HOLY HUMOUR: A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realises that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."
"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

PARISH FINANCE: 20 parishioners choose to use 'standing orders' to make their contribution to the parish. This is a great 'no hassle way' to support the Parish. Thank you to those 20 parishioners. **DEVELOPMENT FUND:** The Parish Development fund has been introduced to help raise additional money to repair and improve the church. **£1,611.12** has been contributed to this fund so far. Thank you for your generosity. The intention is to raise £10,000 annually, asking parishioners to contribute £5-£10, more if you can, every time we have a 'purple envelope' collection. Thank you.

EXAM RESULTS: Student will receive their A' level results on Thursday. We ask God to bless them as our young people discern their future. Do keep them in your prayers.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Procedures for the Exposing of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the Sacristy. There will be a practice for ministers at 6.45 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. this Monday 12th August and next Monday 19th August.

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY on Sunday 18th August at Grace Dieu Manor. Mass at 3.00 p.m. See poster in porch.

MYTON HOSPICE: Require 'single cotton flat sheets'. If you can help leave sheets in the box at the back of the Church.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The annual parish/diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, Saturday 24th May -Friday 30th May 2014 is currently being planned. Including all transport and accommodation, estimated cost £600. Further information available in September. **LOURDES RAFFLE:** To help raise funds to send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes in 2014, we will raffle a pilgrimage place worth £600 in mid-September. Watch this space.

Catholic Partnership Supply Service: For Teachers or teaching assistants. See Poster. www.cpss.org.uk T:0121 665 6314

Message from the Peace House for Refugees; Films and Magazines; Sunday Night is Film Night in the Shelter! Do you have any films that you think people would enjoy? Video or DVD. And Magazines: Do you have good quality Magazines that you have finished with? If so then we would welcome them in the Shelter for people to read and look at.

Coventry Night Shelter: is in need of men's bathroom supplies: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, body spray, soap, hand wash, new underwear. Please leave at the back of Church

House of Prayer We would like to invite single Catholic woman in their 30s, 40s, or 50s to come for a discernment weekend from 4th - 6th October 2013 to explore vocation to the Religious Life. We are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God and for whom prayer is a priority. You would need to have the desire to continue and develop the ministry of Retreats and Spirituality in our small Congregation. For more information please contact the Sisters on Tel: 020 8941 2313 or email us at: info@christian-retreat.org

Young Catholic Adults; For events and information <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>

Weekend Conference at Cold Ash Retreat Centre 18th - 20th Oct 2013 Organised by Young Catholic Adults.