

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, Year C  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 2010

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**Responsorial Psalm:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Ken Pickett (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Martin Ward RIP

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Next Sunday (Pentecost Sunday)

**9.00am** June Keenan (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Ints of Treadwell Family (Wedding Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Masses This Week

**Monday 8.30am** Christina Kelly RIP

**Tuesday** *No Morning Mass today*

**Wednesday 9.00am** *Service of Word & Holy Communion*

**Thursday**

**Friday 9.00am** *Service of Word & Holy Communion*

**Saturday 9.00am** Ints of Bea Shields (sick)

*10.30am*

**7.00pm** Ints of Alice Hopkins & family

**6.30pm** Freddie Read RIP

**7.00pm** Francis Hanson RIP

**7.00pm** Ints of Kitty Bracken (sick)

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30 -*

**RIP** – Mgr Tom Gavin, Fr Fred Rose, Fr Lawrence King, John Griffin, Sr Mary-Jo Wragg, Mary (Mollie) O'Connor, John Nagle, Clementina (Julie) Cooper; All Victims from Poland in Plane Crash, Fr Augustine Stickland osb, Nicola Murray.

**Anniversaries** – Martin Ward, Joan Sanders, Elizabeth Freeman, May Tighe, George Conway, Hazel James, Ann Stapleton, Elizabeth Brown, James Fawcett, Elizabeth McElroy, Paul Carr, Ann Sonroy, Peter Pawsey, Marie Bowen, Grace Murphy, David Hawthorne, Mary Lamb, James Phee, Luke Jackson, Michael Meany

**Sick List** – Please pray for Jane Dewsnap, Paul Bainbridge, Brian Roberts, Mary Smith, Doris Lees, Mary Hunt, Patricia Daines, Bridget McConnell, Maura Stone, Tommy Wainwright, Danny Doherty, Catherine Shorney, Charmaine Cross, Winnie Gallagher, Joan Pears, Liz Ferguson, Anne Gallimore, Michael Wilson, Nick Byrne, Alan Williams, Jeanne Gould, Helen Freeman, Fr Seamus Mulholland and all sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.

**Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee** – After the 9am and 11am Masses in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

**Today** at 11am Mass, we celebrate the special occasion of First Holy Communion. Welcome to all our visitors.

**Today** is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53.

**Last Sunday's Collection Main £1432-00.** Thank you very much. Today is World Communications Day. We pray especially for those who work in the Media, and for the Church's role in proclaiming the Gospel. You might like to visit [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk) and to scroll down to 'Newsletters' on the left hand side, where you may receive e-newsletters from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. There is a **Second collection today** for the church's work in Catholic Communications. **Next week** every parish in the country is asked to have a Second Collection towards the cost of the Pope's Visit to our Country.

**Year for Priests** – This week, the People of God in our diocese are asked to pray for the following priests: Fr Joseph Vu-Duc-Yen (Parish Priest of St Anne's, Coventry), Fr John Wairagu, Fr Richard Walker (Vice Rector, Oscott College), Fr Brian Wall, Fr John Walsh, Fr Thomas Walton, Fr James Ward. *Have you prayed for your priest today?*

**Next Sunday is Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May)** – The 6pm Mass will be the Enrolment for Confirmation for Year 5 children. A simple 'custom' in the parish of everybody trying to wear something red is effective at Masses on Pentecost Sunday. There is to be an Afternoon **Seminar on the Priesthood** at St John Vianney Church that day. It begins at 2pm and will explore 'The History of the Priesthood', 'St John Vianney', 'Priest and People' and 'Priestly Sacrifice'. St John Vianney is the Patron Saint of Priests, and will be declared so by Pope Benedict at the end of this Year for Priests. Please support this initiative, if you can.

Also next Sunday, A **Celebration of Pentecost 2010** at St Mary's, Raglan Street at 2.30pm. People of all nations welcome.

**Catholic Today** – The new edition, featuring fundraising at Bishop Ullathorne School, available today. Priced 50p. Please take one.

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm. Margaret Roper Room. This week: *The Funny Alphabets of Europe* with John Avery.

**Extend** – Gentle, seated exercise to music. 9.45am for 10.00am in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.

**Sign Language** – 6.00pm in the Margaret Roper Room, Thursday.

**RCIA / Journey in Faith** – continues this Thursday at 7.45pm at St John Vianney Church. A talk on Priesthood by Fr Eddie Clare

**May is the Month of Mary** – The rosary will be prayed each Friday during May, at 1.40pm at Priory Gardens, City Centre.

**Faith Today** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of this new Publication of the Bishops' Conference is out today. Price: £1-95. Do take one.

**InVocation** – Are you aged between 16 and 35? An important weekend event at Oscott might be for you. [www.invocation.org.uk](http://www.invocation.org.uk).

**Summer Plants & Hanging Baskets** – Available for collection today. Proceeds will go towards World Youth Day Fund, July 2011.

**London Marathon** – Sam Cook looks forward to collecting your sponsorship money, in aid of the Andrew Robinson Trust.

**The Parish Fete** - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The first planning meeting (open to everybody) is **tomorrow** Mon. at 8pm. M.R. Room.

**Rota for Readers** – Available today from the sacristy – a rota from now until the summer. Many thanks to John Avery.

**Coventry Pioneer Rally** – Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, Foleshill on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Mass 6.30pm, then entertainment follows.

**Cheylesmore Festival** – This event will be taking place around Quinton Pool / Daventry Road on the weekend of 5/6 June. Offers of help are required to make this community event a success, especially if you live in Cheylesmore. To offer your help, please e-mail [lizzy.seldon@googlemail.com](mailto:lizzy.seldon@googlemail.com) or phone 07854 117 921.

**South Coventry Churches Joint Service at the Festival – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. Open Invitation to Pray.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer for Reparation** – This has been requested by the Bishops of our country on Fridays during May, in recognition of the damage done over years by members of the Catholic Church, by the abuse of children.

So, there will be Exposition for half an hour, before any service or Mass on Fridays of May. All welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Evesham** – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Solemn Mass in the Abbey Grounds at 1pm; Blessing of the Sick 4pm

**Ubi Caritas Awards** – Congratulations to Charles Addison, John Brogan and Beryl Gill, who have been awarded the Archbishop's Diocesan Medal. They will be presented with this award at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July. All parishioners are welcome at this Mass. Nearer the time, there will be an opportunity to sign up for the coach to St Chad's.

**Pope's Visit to Britain** – Thank you to those members of our parish who have signed up to be in the choir on the day, and have begun rehearsing. As well as the Papal Visit website [www.thepapalvisit.org.uk](http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk), you might be interested to find out more about John Henry Newman at: [www.newmancause.co.uk](http://www.newmancause.co.uk). Another website about his life and writings is [www.newmanreader.org](http://www.newmanreader.org).

**Lead Kindly Light: A celebration of the life of Cardinal John Henry Newman:** A day-conference to be held at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Speakers: Fr Richard Duffield (Provost of the Birmingham Oratory), Dr Joyce Sugg (a biographer of Newman) and George Wallace (who will speak about Newman's words and Elgar's music of *the Dream of Gerontius*). The cost of the day is £30 which includes a buffet lunch and refreshments. For further details please phone 0121 360 8118.