

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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16th Sunday of the Year, Year C

July 18<sup>th</sup> 2010

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** Ints of Fr Timothy

**11.00am** Leo Boyce (Anniv.)

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

## Next Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, Year C)

**9.00am** Gerry Harland (Anniv.)

**11.00am** Gordon Howell RIP

**6.00pm** Elizabeth McCarthy RIP

## Masses This Week

**Monday 8.30am** Sr Declan Murray RIP

**Tuesday 9.05am** Ints of Kathleen Kelly (sick)

**Wednesday 9.00am** *Service of Word & Holy Communion* **6.30pm** Mass in church with Year 6 leavers (Parishioners welcome)

**Thursday 9.00am** Fr Philip Cleary RIP

**Friday 9.00am** Michael Brooks (Anniv.)

**Saturday 9.00am** Ann Queenan (Anniv.)

10.30am

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30 -*

**RIP** – Mgr Tom Gavin, Mgr Peter Stonier, Fr Eric Woodhead, Kathleen Kelleher, Mary Hunt, Dr Frank Webb, Maureen Davison, Ita Ward, Liz Ferguson, Alan Williams, Bethany Preston, Nora Chandler, Sean McDaid, Kathleen Hurley, Nick Byrne, Elizabeth McCarthy, Lilian Stokes.  
**Anniversaries** – Gerard Fulham, Illarion Bukiewicz, Maurice Cunningham, Robert Davis, Hilda Waters, Josephine Sexton, Joseph Moran, Albert Baleman, Ruby Harrington, Laurence O'Rourke, Daisy Jenkins, Mary Harshaw, Bernard Swinden, Elizabeth Lenton, Fr John Molyneux.

**Sick List** – Please pray for Jane Dewsnap, Paul Bainbridge, Brian Roberts, Doris Lees, Patricia Daines, Larry Kelly, 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, Joseph Cooney and all sick parishioners, family and friends.

**Last Sunday's Collection £1282-84.** Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. **£631-66.** *Thank you very much*  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Day for Life will be taken **next Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup> July).

**Catholic Today** – The latest 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.

**Feasts of this week** – *Thursday* St Mary Magdalene; *Friday* St Bridget of Sweden (Patron of Europe)

**Readings for Next Sunday** – Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:14-24; Luke 11:1-13.

**Today** the 11am Mass is a Mass of thanksgiving for the end of the school year. After the 11am Mass **today**, there will be a Parish Picnic on the grounds of St Thomas More School. On Wednesday, 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated for the primary school leavers.

**Ubi Caritas Awards – Congratulations to** Charles Addison, John Brogan and Beryl Gill who received their award at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham last Thursday. Thank you to all the parishioners who came to St Chad's for the Mass, and to members of the parish Catholic Guiding family who prepared the refreshments in the Margaret Roper Room on our return.

**Mrs Elizabeth McCarthy RIP** – Mrs McCarthy, the former caretaker of our primary school, died recently. Elizabeth and her husband Danny gave many years of faithful service to our school 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, has been experiencing more aspects of parish life including marriage preparation, funeral ceremonies and visits, and has been involved in the life of our primary school. Simon is now entering his final week with us in the parish. In September, he will continue his formation for the priesthood, beginning 6 years at Oscott College.

**Tuesday Society** – now closed for business until September. If there is any parishioner who has an area of personal interest that they think would make for a short talk at the Tuesday Society in the year ahead, please contact Mr Harry Davenport 76 413381.

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

**Faith Today** – The next (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Margaret Roper Room. Please spread the word!

**Thank you** to those who raised £23-80 from a recent cake sale, towards fundraising for the World Youth Day trip.

**Pope's Visit to Britain** – [www.thepapalvisit.org.uk](http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk), [www.newmancause.co.uk](http://www.newmancause.co.uk), [www.newmanreader.org](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> September**. We have now been given our allocation of tickets. There will be an opportunity to put names forward to be part of a ballot for these tickets next Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>). The smaller numbers that are going to be able to attend the Mass mean that not everybody who wishes to go will be able to. For those who secure a place at the Beatification Mass, coaches will depart from Coventry in the early hours of the Sunday morning. Coach travel is the only mode of transport permitted to the site. You cannot arrive there by car or on foot, or by public transport, for security and safety reasons. The Mass is due to be screened live on terrestrial television on the Sunday morning at 10.00am. Archbishop Bernard has given permission for Masses to be celebrated at different times from normal, to suit pastoral circumstances on that weekend. So, it is likely that there will be Mass here on the Saturday evening, and another early on the Sunday morning. Some parishioners have expressed an interest in people coming together (possibly in church) to watch the broadcast of Mass live on the Sunday morning, as a community, and receiving Holy Communion either during Communion time of the Papal Mass, or immediately after the broadcast. **Hyde Park Vigil**: On the evening before the Beatification Mass, the Pope will be present at Hyde Park in London for a celebration of Prayer (not a Mass), but with a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps for those who are unable to attend the Beatification Mass, some might wish to travel to London (on public transport) for the Vigil which begins in the afternoon, and finishes at about 9pm. There will be an opportunity to request these tickets next Sunday also. **An Appeal for Volunteer Stewards**: If you are public-spirited and would like to help in some way with the Papal Visit, or if it is a way of securing a place at a venue of the Pope's Visit (probably the Beatification Mass), and are over 18, and are fit and ready for the hours of work and patience that will be needed, this opportunity will also be given next weekend.

**Africa Day Mass & Celebration** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at St Elizabeth's Parish, Foleshill. Mass at 2pm. All welcome

**Robert Giampaglia** – We pray for Robert, a parishioner of St Mary & Benedict's Parish, Hillfields, as he is ordained as a Permanent Deacon for our diocese, at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham today. We pray for his family and his parish.

**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.