

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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12th Sunday of the Year, Year C
June 20th 2010

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Sunday Masses

9.00am Sheila Bellingham RIP

11.00am James Walsh (Anniv.)

6.00pm John Hallissey RIP

Next Sunday (13th Sunday of the Year, Year C)

9.00am Jim Rees (Anniv.)

11.00am Jim Molloy (Anniv.)

6.00pm Cian O'Driscoll (Anniv.)

Masses This Week

Monday 8.30am Carmel Ryan RIP

Tuesday PARISH & SCHOOL FEAST 9.15am Primary School, Families & Parishioners Ints of Brian & Kit Roberts
12.30pm Funeral Service for Mrs Liz Ferguson **7.00pm** Geraldine Haverty RIP

Wednesday 9.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion

6.30pm Andrew Robinson RIP

Thursday PARISH DAY OF EXPOSITION 9.15am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Marie & Harry Law

Friday 9.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion

7.00pm Joan Hope (Anniv.)

Saturday 9.00am Breda Gleeson (Anniv.) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 - 10.30am. **No Confessions today.**

RIP – Mgr Tom Gavin, Mary (Mollie) O'Connor, John Nagle, Clementina (Julie) Cooper, Nicola Murray, Kathleen Kelleher, Mary Hunt, Dr Frank Webb, Sir Christopher Moran, Ita Ward, Liz Ferguson, Alan Williams.

Anniversaries – Hugh McQuade, Herbert Kelly, Norah Moore, Mary Miles, Terry Sheils, Sally Donoghue, Bernard Dolan, Alan Richards, Alban Avery, William Grogan, Eddie Price, Breda Gleeson, John Purdie, Beryl Turner, Marie Law, Anthony Brown, Tony Mayne, Margaret O'Regan, Monica Cerowski

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 and all sick parishioners, family and friends.

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

Last Sunday's Collection Main £1273-38. Thank you very much.

Today is Fathers Day. The 9am Mass is a joint celebration for our primary school (celebrating Family) and our parish. We extend a special word of welcome and prayer to all fathers today, thanking God for their vocation, and asking God to bless them.

Year for Priests – This week, the People of God in our diocese are asked to pray for two recently ordained priests: Fr Euan Henderson and Fr Roger Peck. As this Year for Priests concludes, we continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and the Consecrated Life for men and women. God blesses our community in so many ways. In terms of 'giving something back', would you consider it a privilege that your son or daughter choose a radically different and fulfilling way of life?

Feasts & Significant Events of this week in the parish are: Monday St Aloysius Gonzaga; Tuesday Our Parish and School Patron St Thomas More, and St John Fisher (Whole School Mass with Parish at 9.15am and Parish Mass at 7pm; Thursday The Birth of St John the Baptist, and our parish Day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer for Vocations. The Day begins with Morning Prayer at 9.15am, and the Church will be open throughout the day for anybody to pop in for some

quiet moments of prayer. All of the children from St Thomas More will come up in year groups during the day. Evening Mass 7pm.

Next Sunday is a celebration of a different kind as, after the 11am Mass, we come together for the Parish Summer Fete.

The Parish Fete – Next Sunday, 12 noon to 3pm. Have you thought of what you might bring for the Fete? Many hands are needed to help in setting up **this Saturday at 5pm**, and **next Sunday morning at 7am**. Please return sold Raffle tickets with money (and unsold tickets) asap. Please consider making cakes for the day. No need to go home for lunch. Come to the fete with the family.

Memory Support Group – Please note that the next meeting will be on Monday 28th June at 7.30pm in the Margaret Roper Room. Professional advice & help available. There will be a Guest Speaker at the next meeting: Nicola Gavin from Age Concern.

Tuesday Society – 2pm – 4pm. Margaret Roper Room. This week: Shared Table party for parish Feast Day. All welcome.

Extend – This Thursday at the usual time.

Sign Language – This Thursday at the usual time.

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 non-threatening environment? They can be other Christians, or members of other faith communities, or people of no particular religious persuasion. Everybody welcome.

Parish Youth Group – Today at 4.15pm in the Margaret Roper Room. Year 6 and above are welcome.

Readings for Next Sunday – 1 Kings 19:16, 19:21; Psalm 15; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62.

Faith Today – The next (3rd) 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.

Craig Szmidt – Craig will be ordained a deacon **this Saturday** (26th June). The Ordination will take place at Oscott College, but is limited to family and staff and students of the college. Fr Timothy will concelebrate the Ordination Mass. He will present Craig with a vestment, with the best wishes of everybody in the parish (as Craig was here with us in the summer of 2006). We pray for him.

Thank you – This year's **Christian Aid** total for the Styvechale Grange area is £656-64. Their website is www.christianaid.org.uk. The Parish Sale of Flowers & Plants raised £500 towards our young parishioners going to **World Youth Day 2011** in Madrid.

Calligraphy - The group for those who wish to learn Calligraphy meets again **this Wednesday 23rd June** at 7.30pm.

Pope's Visit to Britain – www.thepapalvisit.org.uk, www.newmancause.co.uk, www.newmanreader.org.

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 15th July. All parishioners are welcome at this Mass. From today, there is an opportunity to sign up for the coach to St Chad's. No limit.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hednesford – Sunday 4th July. Mass at 4pm. If you are interested in going, please sign up today.

Advance Notice: Change of Mass times – On Tuesday 29th June, (Feast of Ss Peter & Paul) a Holyday of Obligation, the Masses here in church will be at the following times only: 2.00pm (whole school and parish, in church) and 7.30pm in church.

Advance Notice: Parish Picnic on Primary School Grounds (after 11am End of Year School Mass on Sunday 18th July).

New Routes Fostering Project (Fr Hudson's Society) – An information evening for those considering fostering, or who would like to find out more: at Christ the King Church, Coundon, on Friday 25th June at 7.30pm.

Coventry Youth Orchestra concert - Saturday 10th July at 7:30pm in All Saints Church, Leamington Spa. Tickets are available at the door for £7 (£5 concessions). The Programme will be Meyerbeer - Coronation March (Le Prophete), Bruch - Violin Concerto No.1 in G minor, and Dvorak - Symphony No.9 'From the New World'.

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