

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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17th Sunday of the Year, Year C

July 25th 2010

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Responsorial Psalm: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am Gerry Harland (Anniv.)

11.00am Gordon Howell RIP

6.00pm Elizabeth McCarthy RIP

Next Sunday (18th Sunday of the Year, Year C)

9.00am John Reddan (Anniv.)

11.00am Baden Powell RIP

6.00pm Ints of Breda Hartnett

Masses This Week

Monday **9.00am** Margaret Mary Synnott (Anniv.)

Tuesday **9.05am** Sylvie McDonnell

Wednesday **9.00am** Joe Molloy (Anniv.)

Thursday **9.00am** Ints of Damian & Eila Rana

Friday **9.00am** Martin Brennan RIP & Ints of Lucy Brennan (sick)

Saturday **9.00am** Nellie Dermody (Anniv.) *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30 - 10.30am*

RIP – Mgr Tom Gavin, Fr Eric Woodhead, Kathleen Kelleher, Mary Hunt, Maureen Davison, Ita Ward, Alan Williams, Bethany Preston, Nora Chandler, Sean McDaid, Kathleen Hurley, Nick Byrne, Elizabeth McCarthy, Lilian Stokes, Nora Nolan.

Anniversaries – Daisy O'Flanagan, Dick Deasy, Denis Doody, Margaret Oswald, Mary Baker, Jean Langeveld, John Piazzon, Jaimie Keegan, Michael Crampsie, Marjorie Hampston, Gerry Harland, Baby Thomas Mellon, Leon Kinsella, Charlie Quirke, Martin Brennan, Jean Kinsella, Trudi Somers, Iris Gamble, Mary Banholzer, Jack Gerrard, Margaret O'Brien (Peg), Hannah Swales, Ellen Hayward, Thomas Browne, Annie Rogers, John Merrigan, Joseph Molloy

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 Jespersen, Lucy Sargent, Tony Gill, Joseph Cooney and all sick parishioners, family and friends.

Last Sunday's Collection £1150-70. *Thank you very much.* **Today**, there is a 2nd Collection for the Day for Life: an initiative of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, an annual day to highlight significant moral, life issues. The theme this year is taken from the words of the Catholic funeral liturgy: *Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed not ended.* www.dayforlife.org

Welcome and Thank you to Fr Richard Walker, Vice Rector of Oscott, for celebrating Masses here our parish this weekend.

Catholic Today Diocesan Newspaper – 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 – *Monday* Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Mary; *Thursday* St Martha; *Saturday* St Ignatius Loyola.

Readings for Next Sunday – Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 94; Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.

Ubi Caritas Awards – Charles Addison, John Brogan and Beryl Gill who received their award at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham recently wish to thank the parishioners of St Thomas More for all their kindness and encouragement and prayers over the years but especially recently, and for all that was done to make their evening at St Chad's and back here so special..

Simon Baker, our resident student for the priesthood, completes his placement with us today. In September, he will continue his formation for the priesthood, beginning 6 years at Oscott College. We thank him for the contribution he has made to the life of our parish life: through music, his involvement in schools, parish and hospital visiting, and we assure him of our prayers for the future.

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?

Thank you from Fr Timothy.... *‘Thank you so much to all parishioners and to the families and children in our primary school for all your kindness and thoughtfulness to me and my family on the occasion of my 40th birthday last weekend. Your gifts and your generosity are very humbling, and I am grateful for all the love, support and encouragement you give to me. May God bless you.’*

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 (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 **this 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. The **Beatification Mass for Cardinal John Henry Newman will take place at Cofton Park in Birmingham on Sunday 19th September**. This is will be an historic occasion in the life of the Catholic Church in our country and beyond. Nobody should underestimate the importance of the occasion, and even the disappointment of it not now being in Coventry, should not lead anybody to think it is not worth making the trip or the effort to go. We have now been given our allocation of tickets. **Please fill in a ballot form at Mass today (one per household only)**. The ballot is for a pair of tickets for those who are fortunate to be drawn out of the ballot. All forms must be returned to the presbytery by MIDDAY tomorrow (Monday). 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 afternoon / 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 (the event opens at 2pm and finishes at 9pm). Perhaps for those who are unable to attend the Beatification Mass, some might wish to travel to London (on public transport) for the Vigil. Information is available at the church doors today. **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, please collect details today.

Recently arrived in the parish? Please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy, and complete a census form.

Loop System for those with hearing difficulties – If you are experiencing difficulties with hearing people read or speak through the church microphones, it might be worth trying to sit somewhere different in the church, and whether that helps. If there are ongoing and consistent difficulties, please speak to one of the clergy, as we try to address these important concerns.

African Day Mass & Celebration – Sunday 8th August at St Elizabeth’s Parish, Foleshill. Mass at 2pm. All welcome