

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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Solemnity of All Saints

October 31st 2010

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –

Mrs. Beryl Gill (Tel. 7650 6220)

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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.

Sunday Masses

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Nick Byrne RIP

5.55pm Reception into church of Mr Brian Roberts RIP

6.00pm Fr Alec McGavin RIP

Next Sunday (32nd Sunday of the Year, Year C)

9.00am David Boyle (Anniv.)

11.00am Pat Lawlor (Anniv.)

6.00pm Eileen Murphy

Masses This Week

Monday 9.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion 11.00am Funeral Mass for Mr Brian Roberts

Tuesday (All Souls) 9.10am Deceased Members of Tuesday Society **7.00pm** Deceased priests of St Thomas More Parish

Wednesday 9.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion **7.00pm** Ints of Bailey & O'Donnell families

Thursday **7.00pm** Brigid Sheils

Friday 9.00am John & Mary Murray (Anniv.)

Saturday 9.00am Della Glynn RIP

10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30 -

RIP – Mgr Tom Gavin, Brian Roberts, Tony Gill, Marie (Brennan) Bates, Gerald Donegan, Dorothy Redman, Keith McGawley, Betty Leigh, Baby Lauren Lilian Cook, Fr John Nightingale, Canon Tony Piercy.

Anniversaries – Cele Oyamburu, Michael McLaughlin, Alan Stock, Tony Corcoran, Austin O'Reilly, Desmond Eady, Thomas McMillan, Annie Gallagher, Maud Norman, Sean O'Sullivan, Christina Malian, Patrick Lawler, Kathleen Glynn, Edward Hastings, Tom Connor, Oona Smith, Ruth Brown

Sick List – Please pray for Jane Dewsnap, Paul Bainbridge, Doris Lees, Larry Kelly, Anne Graham, Bridget McConnell, Maura Stone, Tommy Wainwright, Danny Doherty, Catherine Shorney, Charmaine Cross, Joan Pears, Anne Gallimore, William Cole, Michael Wilson, Helen Freeman, Dolores Heffernan, Mary Smith, Simon Pameley, Margaret Cash, Lorna Jespersion, Lucy Sargent, Ann Shelton, Joseph Cooney, Alicia Clifford, Annie McFadyean, Louis O'Brien, Baby Leah Brown, Agnes Hope, Nicola Tressler, Leo Keenan, and all sick parishioners.

Last Sunday's Collection Main £1099-13. *Thank you very much.*

Next Sunday there will be the annual collection for the Johnson Association for the retired and sick priests of our diocese.

Today is the Transferred Solemnity of All Saints. The prayers and readings will be of 1st November in Missals.

This Evening at 6.30pm – A joint service for the Christians of our area at West Orchard URC (The Chesils / Baginton Road)

Feasts of this week – Tuesday Commemoration of All Souls; Wednesday St Martin de Porres; Thursday St Charles Borromeo.

Please note that there will be morning and evening masses this Tuesday (All Souls), a popular day of prayer.

Please use the purple sheets provided to list those for whom we pray during November. May they rest in God's peace.

Readings for Next Sunday– 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38.

Looking ahead – Next Sunday (7th November) at **9am**: Mass for Year 3 children celebrating 'Extended Family';

Next Sunday at **11am** – Mass for bereaved of the past year. Invitations are being sent out from the parish, but if you or anybody you know has celebrated the funeral rites of a loved one in our parish in the past year, then you and your family are most welcome to the 11am Mass next Sunday, when we shall remember the deceased of the past year in a particular way.

Also next Sunday (7th) at 3.30pm – *Blessing of Graves at Canley Cemetery* (with parishioners of St John Vianney)

Lourdes 2011 – As mentioned at Masses recently, the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes (joining with Archdiocese of Birmingham pilgrimage) takes place from 28th May to 4th June 2011 (Spring Bank Holiday / School Half Term week). Please collect details of the pilgrimage at church today, or for more information, please phone Andrew and Alison Cullinane on 76 441436.
Anybody wishing to register an interest in joining the parish pilgrimage should aim to return a form by 1st November.

Tuesday Society – 2pm to 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week: ‘Safety at Home’ with the Fire Service. All welcome.
Extend – Continues this Thursday at 9.45am. Gentle, seated exercise accompanied by music, for senior-aged parishioners.
Sign Language – This year’s popular course continues on Thursday at 6pm in the Margaret Roper Room. All welcome.
RCIA / Journey in Faith, in the Margaret Roper Room here at St Thomas More Church on Thursdays at 7.45pm. If you were asked to come along as a ‘normal parishioner’ and speak about your faith and what it means to you, would you welcome the chance? If not, then maybe coming along and growing in confidence and knowledge of your faith is the next step. All welcome.

Parish Bazaar – This year’s bazaar will take place on Friday **3rd** December in the primary school hall and grounds. Now is the time to start thinking about offering your services, either to run a stall, or for the important tasks of setting up and clearing up. There will be a planning meeting for the bazaar on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the Guild Room here in Church. This meeting is open to all parishioners, to school PTA members, to anybody who wishes to run a stall – even if they are longstanding stall holders at these events, and especially to anybody who has new ideas for making this parish event special.

Coventry Peace Festival 2010 – Events include: *Prayers for Peace Procession* (from St Osburg’s to St Mary’s, Raglan Street) **today** (Sunday 31st) at 2.30pm; then on Saturday 6th November from 11am to 1pm “*What sort of peace did Jesus mean?*” A talk by David McLoughlin, Newman University College, at All Souls Parish Room, Earlsdon, www.coventry.gov.uk/peace.
Blitz Concert – Saturday 13th November at 7pm at the Welcome Centre, 47a Parkside, Coventry. Popular songs of the war, which reflect the strong spirit of the people of Coventry. Free Tickets available from Coventry Council House reception or on 76 679780.

Justice and Peace Group – Following the recent diocesan Justice and Peace assembly in Solihull, our parish group will seek to move forward with fresh impetus, and continue to place before us the important issues that translate our worship of God into a real and active love of our neighbour. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.45pm in the Presbytery.

Christian Aid Soup Lunch – Saturday 6th November from 11.45am to 1.30pm at West Orchard URC Church, The Chesils.

Parish Shop – Advent Calendars and Candles, and Cards to celebrate the Lord’s birth now available. Please send religious cards.

Catholic Today newspaper (50p) & **Faith Today** magazine (Special price £2-50) both souvenirs of the Pope’s Visit.

Fundraising: Per Una sale – Thank you. All proceeds go towards helping 10 young adults from our parish to go to World Youth Day. *Half Marathon (Andrew Cullinane)* raising money to send parishioners to Lourdes, for the Andrew Robinson Trust, and for research into Parkinson’s Disease. Andrew completed the race, thanks people for money already given and will collect more.

Recycling Mobile Phones & Inkjet Cartridges for CAFOD – Envelopes can be found at the main church doors.
CAFOD World Gifts – Catalogues are now available at the church doors, for gifts with purpose that benefit people around the world, bought in the name of giving to friends and family. We shall look to a parish project for World Gifts, as last Advent.

Blessed John Henry Newman – The Oratory Church on the Hagley Road in Edgbaston, Birmingham, is marking Newman’s Beatification by setting aside Saturdays for pilgrimages to the new Shrine dedicated to him. If you would like to go for such a pilgrim experience, please contact 0121 454 0808 or e-mail parish@theoratory.org.uk. Blessed John Henry Newman: Pray for us!

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School presents a **Summer Ball** which will take place at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth on 16th July 2011. Tickets on sale now and will be available via the school and at weekend Masses over the coming weeks. This will be a fantastic community event with all proceeds going towards the provision of IT equipment for our school. Why not give some thought to planning ahead and coming with a group of family or friends?

Vocations – Fr Paul Moss, Vocations Director for our diocese, is introducing a vocations initiative at Oscott College for young men aged between 16 and 35 who might consider responding to God’s call to the priesthood. Meetings on 19th November and 3rd December. If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Timothy, or contact Fr Paul yourself on 07545 330969 or at

frpaul@vocations.org.uk. In addition, people might consider a vocation to the religious life or to the diaconate.

Appeal for Knitting Wool – to support ‘Samaritan’s Purse’ a Christian charity. Please bring wool to the church.

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