

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

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

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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year (A)  
September 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

Parish Safeguarding Representatives –  
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**Responsorial Psalm:** Remember your mercy, Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

## Sunday Masses

**9.00am** People of the Parish  
**11.00am** Michael Walker RIP  
**6.00pm** Michelina Fierro RIP

## Next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, A)

**9.00am** Miriam McGuinness RIP  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**6.00pm** Joe Hayes RIP

## Masses This Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Rory Kelly RIP	<b>7.00pm</b> Cynthia Philips RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Teresa Johnson RIP	<b>7.00pm</b> Ints of Laurence Kiely & family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Ints of Mary Kelly (sick)	<b>7.00pm</b> Frank Kilkelly (Anniv.)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Ann Donoghue RIP	<b>7.00pm</b> Special Intention (Maguire family)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Ints of Robert Garvey	<b>No Evening Mass today</b> (Mass at Corpus Christi at 7pm).
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Mary Jones RIP	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am</i> <b>No Confessions today.</b>

**RIP** – Fr Anthony Hodgetts CsSR, Teresa Johnson.

**Anniversaries:-** Patrick Commons, Rachel Leonard, Doherty Babies, Cecilia Turrell, Noreen Vickerstaff, Albert Allen, Thomas O'Brien, Annie Kennedy, Annie Byrne, Joseph Harrison, John Bremend, Christopher Simmons, Arthur Upham, Norman Pearson, Michael McEvoy, Thomas Higgins, Anne Nursey, George Dowse, Maud Grace, Terry Duffy, Aidan Higgins, Mary Murphy, Ann Gallagher, John Carroll, John Holton, Danny Bedding

**Sick List** – Please pray for Fr Louis Purcell, Fr John Bentley, Charles MacKinnon, Kevin Bills, Kitty Ryan, Hannah McBride, Penny Valentine, Leo Keenan, Joan Simmons, Molly O'Connor, Sinead Heffernan, Ruby Wilson, Jack Holloway, Baby Matt Lynch, William Grant, Mary Doran, Anne Thomson, Madeleine Philips, Esme Pain, Tony Armstrong, Philomena O'Connor, Angela Moses, Warren Luyt, Jonjo Rooney, Alice Hopkins, Teresa Johnson, Bill Middleton, Gertrude Kelly, Sr. Angela Black SND, Matthew Plant, Paul Bainbridge, Mary Reilly, Kitty Budkiewicz, Sr Sheila Phillips, Helen Freeman, PJ Barrett, Luke Blacklaw, Sheila Jenkins, Cath Gallacher, Barbara Mattock, Sean Sullivan, Roger Moulding, Elizabeth Garry, Laura Smallwood, Teresa Mellon, Paul Norris, Annie Murphy, Veronica Grimshaw, Joan Gardner, Teresa Johnson, Norman Arnold, Anne Gallimore, Anthony Quinn, Mary Higginson, Maura Stone, Henryk Cerowski, John Nagle, Gemma Dalby and housebound parishioners.

**Year of St Paul** – Today Archbishop Vincent writes a Pastoral Letter on the Year of St Paul. Copies will be available next week. Please collect a sheet about the Letter to the Philippians which we listen to for the coming weeks at Sunday Mass.

**Tea and coffee** – After the 9am and 11am Masses, in the Margaret Roper Room today. All parishioners and visitors welcome. Proceeds from 9am gathering goes to CAFOD (£1,162-40 last year); Proceeds from 11am gathering to St Osburg's Restoration Fund

**Last Sunday's Collections: Main £1433-18**

*Fr Hudson's Society* **£1186-73** Thank you for your generosity.

**Second Collection today for Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (national organisation). Please give generously.**

**Cafod Fast Day – This Friday:** Envelopes are available today for this Friday's Fast Day. Please take one, and make Friday a day on which to go without some food, and be in solidarity with the poorest people in our world who have no choice but to go without food. The envelopes will be collected in the Second Collection next Sunday. Please Gift Aid your offering if possible. Further details about CAFOD's work is available at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). Would you consider becoming a Parish Rep for Cafod?

**Next Sunday** – the 6pm Mass will be a Mass of Commitment for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 pupils at our school.

**Catholic Today** – The new edition of the diocesan newspaper is available today, priced 50p. There is a special feature on the

presentation of the Diocesan Ubi Caritas Award to our parishioners Mary Hulme, Mandy Kelly and Claire Rutter at St Chad's Cathedral last June. Also appearing are Fr Michael Gamble, and Canon Tom Farrell's Silver Jubilee Celebration last July.

**Parish Youth Group** – meets after the 6pm Mass next Sunday. Year 7 + are welcome. Margaret Roper Room.

**Parish Young Adults Group** – The next gathering would be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. It is thought that the group could join the trip to Parish visit to Oscott College in Sutton Coldfield. Please see notice overleaf, and sign up today if you can.

**Tuesday Society** – 2pm – 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room. This week: 'An Egyptian Holiday' with Angela Atkins. All welcome.

Places are available on a trip to Bicester Shopping Village on Tuesday 14 October. Leave STM at 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Cost £8. Contact Harry Davenport 76413381.

**October – the Month of the Holy Rosary** – Prayers at the statue of Our Lady of Coventry, City Centre, Fridays at 1.40pm.

**Extend** – Movement to music for the over sixties and the less able. Thursday mornings, at 9.45am, Margaret Roper Room.

**RCIA – Journey in Faith** – These sessions have begun, but anybody who wishes to come is very welcome. They will take place at 7.45pm each Thursday evening, in the Margaret Roper Room. They are suitable for those who simply wish to know what Catholics believe, whatever your background. No previous knowledge is required, but attending Mass on Sundays is a good way of getting to know the Catholic way of life. Parishioners, families and friends are all welcome to these talks and discussions.

**Parish Justice & Peace Group** – Meets this Thursday at 7.45pm in the Guild Room, in Church. All parishioners welcome.

**Corpus Christi Parish Golden Jubilee Celebrations** – Fr Adrian and the parishioners of Corpus Christi invite you to share in the special Mass to mark the end of their Golden Jubilee Year. It will take place **this** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00pm

**100 Club winners for September** – 1<sup>st</sup> £20 Madge Ward; 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 Nick Mills; 3<sup>rd</sup> £8 Mrs Jurczak; 4<sup>th</sup> £7 Mary Evans; 5<sup>th</sup> £5 Anastasia Issom; 6<sup>th</sup> £4 Mrs Patel. Thank you for your support for this fundraising venture for our primary school.

**Birmingham Diocesan Annual Justice and Peace Conference** – will be held at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Solihull on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 4pm. If anybody would like to represent our parish at this, please see Fr Timothy.

*It is important to book in for this day, and booking forms are available at the church doors today*

**Just Listen** – A DVD-based course, to help people 'listen' better to family, friends, colleagues. It is not a counselling course, or even problem solving strategies, but simply honouring people by listening to them. It will run on Monday evenings 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm at Christ Church, Frankpledge Road, Cheylesmore. All welcome. Further details from Judy Hill on 76 504679.

**Parish Bazaar** – Please note the date of this year's parish bazaar: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. More details in the coming weeks.

**Jo Boyce and Mike Stanley** – Jo and Mike (CJM Music) will play 2 Christmas concerts here at St Thomas More Church this year (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm and 7.30pm performances – note the date now). People from around the Midlands will be coming. Cost: £7 (£5 concession in advance) for matinee; £8 (£6 concession in advance) for the evening performance.

**Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School and Humanities College** is commended for their excellent examination results in the Summer. They are the only school in Coventry where all SATS results in English, Maths and Science are higher than last year. Both their GCSE and A' level results are amongst the top in the city with 71% gaining 5+ A\*-C grades.

**Parish Visit to Oscott College** – The staff and students of Oscott College, priest training college for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, invite parishioners of St Thomas More to spend an afternoon at the college, to have tea, a guided tour including the college museum and chapel, and finally to celebrate Evening Prayer with the staff and students. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet at the church door today. The date for this trip is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Depart from here approx 2.30pm; Return 8pm.

**Please note this visit to Oscott does not include Sunday Mass.**

**Coventry Deanery Vocations Mass** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at St John Vianney Church, Mount Nod. The main celebrant for this Mass will be Monsignor Mark Crisp, Rector of Oscott College. It would be good to see this Mass well supported by parishioners from St Thomas More, and especially children and families from Years 5 and 6 at our primary school and our students from Bishop Ullathorne School. Please collect a Vocations prayer card today, keep it at home, and pray for vocations each day.

**St Osburg's Church Restoration** – The Mother Church of our city is due to be restored, beginning this autumn. It will be a major project. If anybody has previous connections with St Osburg's and you would like to make a donation to the restoration work, it can be given in here and forwarded, or sent directly to St Osburg's. The project will require city-wide assistance.

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