

## ST BERNADETTE'S AND ST THOMAS'S

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### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The East End Deanery Choir Concert will be held in St Thomas's on 20th December at 7.00pm. Tickets price £5.00 are available from Mark the organist or any of the Choir members.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY POLAND NEXT YEAR

Some of our young people are fundraising by selling sweets etc in the porch today and concluding next Sunday. Please try and support them.

### SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Next tabletop sale in the Hall 11.30am- 2.30 pm. To hire a table £10. We have 22 tables. Please contact Kate Bradley for details. Number 770 6373

### SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DANCE

Live music with Andy Dewar. 7.30 pm. Tickets are £6 including raffle from Joe Murray.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

Many thanks to all those who came along last Thursday. A lovely evening was had by one and all and thanks to those who organised the event. Until next year !

Thanks to all those who supported the Fish Supper and Quiz Night at St Bernadette's. Good night had by one and all. Thanks to Deacon Kenny as Quizmaster.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Many thanks to those who support their parish throughout the Gift-Aid Scheme, which gives the parish more money on your contributions, a really easy way. If you are working or paying tax we can claim back. Last year we gained £11,000 to help upkeep the parish. Please think of joining this scheme. See Fr McGinley

The new envelopes are at the back of the church with your name attached and are to be used from the beginning of December. Please uplift.

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Year C of the Readings

### OUR PASTORAL TEAM

Father John McGinley  
Deacon Kenny McGeachie  
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Sr Marie Françoise  
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Blessed are they who dwell in  
your house O Lord

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

5.00pm St Thomas' Vigil  
6.15pm St Bernadette's Vigil  
9.00am St Thomas  
10.30am St Thomas  
12 noon St Bernadette

### WEEKDAY MASS

9.00am St Bernadette  
10.00am St Thomas

### SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS

9.30am St Bernadette  
10.30am St Thomas  
Fatima Prayer – 1st Sat of the month

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4.30 – 4.50 pm (St Thomas)  
Anytime on request

The wise men and shepherds saw signs that foretold Jesus coming 2000 years ago. Today we don't look for a single brilliant star to follow or for angels singing in the heavens. We look for other signs that Jesus is with us, signs that we are:

- Feeding the hungry
- Going to the sick
- Caring for the poor
- Working for justice

and so we watch and wait and stay alert for the coming of Jesus and we light a single candle on our Advent wreath in preparation for that glorious day.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER

MONDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW'S DAY  
THE FOLLOWING MASSES BEING CELEBRATED ARE:

St Bernadette: 9.30am  
St Thomas: 10.30am with Pr 4 children helping with the liturgy.  
St Thomas: 7.30pm 30th Anniversary Mass of the  
Priestly Ordination of Fr. McGinley.

All welcome. Father welcomes his family and friends and Parishioners and the East End Deanery Choir to Mass and to the Hall after.

TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER

Masses St Bernadette : 9.00am  
St Thomas: 10.00am

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Masses St Bernadette: 9.00am  
St Thomas: 10.00am

Wednesday evening: Reception of Remains  
of Terence O'Hagan to St Bernadette's at 6.30pm

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER

9.30 am: St Bernadette. Requiem Mass of Terence O'Hagan  
10.30am: Mass at St Thomas

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER MASSES : 9.30 am and 10.30 am

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER.

There will be a Coffee Morning after Marian Devotions in the Choir Area.

Caring Sunday Boxes are available in the Church throughout Advent. Please take one home with you to support children in need.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eileen Smith, Sadie Beggs (. We pray for her father, brothers and mother-in-law) Anniversaries of James Fitzsimons, Dorothy Fitzsimons, Francesca Fitzsimons, William Paterson and Anne Jack

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS MET WITH FR.

One of the changes to be implemented is a change of the Morning Mass times which from Tuesday 8th of December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, will be 9.00am in St Bernadette's and 10am in St Thomas's, for the foreseeable future, notwithstanding changes in the future. These earlier times are to accommodate funeral times at Graveyards and Crematoria and to allow Fr. time for visits to schools in the morning period. Please take note and be ready for this

Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers met with Fr. and you will see some small changes in Liturgical Practice, which should enhance our celebrations. It is important that, if you have committed to a ministry, particularly as Reader, that you fulfil your obligations. If you cannot do so please inform Fr. in good time. Copies of the minutes of this meeting are available in the porch and can be uplifted in regard to the meeting. Thanks to all those who came along. Much appreciated.

Part of the Parish Council remit is to study the Document from the Archdiocese regarding the clustering of Parishes, the proposal being St Thomas, St Bernadette, St Maria Goretti.

With Fr John Sweeney we have decided to mark the opening of the Holy Year of Mercy with a Mass in St Maria Goretti on Tues 8th Dec. at 7.00pm for the 3 parishes. Our local school children will be in attendance and we are invited to mark this special occasion by coming together and supporting each other. There will be a coach organised . Watch this space and we look forward to a happy event for the 3 parishes. A tradition on this Solemnity is to bring your Bambini from your crib to be blessed at the Mass, which will take place at the end of the celebration.

Other Diocesan celebrations please see posters in the Porch.

St Andrew's Night, the Opening Mass for Jubilee and Deanery Carol Concert ought to be supported by your Faith and attendance.

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