

### Confessions at St Andrew's Cathedral

Confession will be available from 7.45am to 7.00pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow.

### Christmas Concert *The East End Deanery Choir*

Come along to our renowned Christmas concert on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

Tickets are £5.00 and are available from Mark and members of the choir. Alternatively you can pay on the night.

All proceeds to Mary's Meals - see poster in church porch

### Messengers

Could all messengers please collect your folders from the back of the church this weekend as this includes the parish Christmas card. It would be helpful if you could deliver this as soon as possible as information on the times and dates of all Christmas services are written within the cards.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Thanks** to all who came along to the Mass in St. Maria Goretti's Church on Tuesday to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our candle-lit celebration was very well attended, and was enhanced by the East End Deanery Choir.

The St. Andrew's Secondary brass band's rendition of seasonal music in the Parish Hall after Mass brought joy to the occasion, and was warmly appreciated by all.

This "Clustering" of parishes for special celebrations looks to be a way forward for all parishes in the Archdiocese.

## St Bernadette & St Thomas'

[www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk](http://www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk)

### Our Pastoral Team

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

**GAUDETE  
SUNDAY**  
13 December 2015



**Rejoice in the Lord  
always; again I say,  
rejoice.**

On Gaudete Sunday, having past the mid-point of Advent, the Church offers us a brief interlude of rejoicing which strengthens us in our continuing spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

### WEEKDAY MASS

9.30am St Bernadette  
10.30am St Thomas

### SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS

9.30am St Bernadette

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## YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

8 December 2015  
–20 November 2016

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parish and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Recently dead: Mary Docherty & Kit Murrey

Sick: Jack McLean

Anniversaries: Agnes McFadyen, David Grey, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Roseann Fitzpatrick, Ian Duffym Edward Boyle Snr, William Boyle, The Sheridan Family, Des McLean, Elizabeth Kirk, Margaret Killcullin, Jimmy Killcullin, Patrick Lynch & Eddie Hamill.

Birthday Remembrance: Jimmy Mooney

*Please also remember in your prayers those who are homeless and the victims of hunger, violence and prejudice.*

### GLASGOW REMEMBERS

A service of remembrance has been organised by Glasgow Churches Together commemorating last year's Queen Street tragedy. The service will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 22 December at Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street.

### THE YEAR OF MERCY

Tuesday 8 December marked the start of the Holy Year of Mercy which will run to the Feast of Christ the King next year. It is the Holy Father's wish that this year be a living experience of the closeness of the Father so that the faith of every believer might be strengthened.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being  
enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in  
created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you  
spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"  
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and  
mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and  
glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and  
error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and  
forgiven by God.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its  
anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace  
from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good  
news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.  
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever  
and ever.

**Amen.**