

THIS WEEK & NEXT

MONDAY 21.12 St Bernadette's – Mass 9 am
St Thomas' – Mass 10 am
Confessions at St Thomas' 5–7 pm

TUESDAY 22.12 St Bernadette – Mass 9 am
St Thomas' – Mass 10 am
School Carol Service at 1.15 pm in the Church

WEDNESDAY 23.12 St Bernadette's – Mass 9 am
St Thomas' – Mass 10 am
Confessions at St Thomas' 5–7 pm
–this is the last time Confession are available this week

THURSDAY 24.12 Please note: NO MORNING MASSES
St Bernadette's – First Mass of Christmas 9 pm (Fr McGinley)
St Thomas' – Carols at 11.30 pm followed by
Midnight Mass (Frs McGinley, Sharkey & Dunn)

FRIDAY 25.12 *The Nativity of Our Lord* St Thomas' – 9 am (Fr Dunn)
10.30 am (Fr Sharkey)
St Bernadette's – 12 noon (Fr McGinley)

SATURDAY 26.12 *Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr* ... Marian Devotions
at 11 am in both Parishes
Vigil Masses as normal

SUNDAY 27.12 *Feast of the Holy Family* Masses as normal

FRIDAY 01.01 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*..... St Thomas' – 11 am
St Bernadette's – 12 noon

SATURDAY 02.01..... Marian Devotions
at 11 am in both parishes
Vigil Masses as normal

SUNDAY 03.01 *Epiphany* Masses as normal

ST THOMAS & ST BERNADETTE'S

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**WE WISH AND PRAY FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS FOR YOU ALL,
FOR YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
AND MAY THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST CHILD COMFORT
AND SUPPORT YOU IN THESE DAYS**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) DECEMBER 20 · 2015

BULLETIN

There will be no Bulletin next week (December 27–January 2).
The Mass times for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and
the Epiphany are on the back of this week's Bulletin.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parish messengers for so promptly dis-
tributing the Parish Christmas Card throughout the two Par-
ishes. Cards are still available in the porches of both Churches.
Thank you also to the people in St Thomas' and St Berna-
dette's who look after the two Churches throughout the year.

ALMSGIVING

One collection on the Holyday of Christmas. Please be gener-
ous in the upkeep of your Parish.
One collection at Sunday Masses.
There are St Margaret of Scotland Adoption Society Boxes at
the Crib. Please take one.

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MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Devotions on Saturday 26 (The Feast of St Stephen) and January 2 will be at 11 in both Parishes. Times return to normal on the Saturday after the Epiphany.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Please could Readers and Extraordinary Ministers make themselves available at the Christmas Masses.

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a practice for all Altar servers in the Parish on Monday evening at 7 pm.

TERENCE O'HAGAN

The family of the late Terence O'Hagan wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Clergy and Parishoners for the prayers and kindness shown to them at this very difficult time. A Mass will be offered for all.

WE REMEMBER

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Lily McCall, Betty Moran and Anne McGinness.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Christopher Glennon and Mary & Charles McCourt.

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank McGroarty, Nora Still, Mary Boyle, Jimmy Welsh, Mary Mitchell, Jes Daily, Mary Dailly, Joe Dailly, Felix O'Connor, Margaret McGinlay, Stephenie Tait (1st), Margaret McNaught (1st) and Christine Dan.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2016 Western Catholic Calendar is now available in the stalls of both parishes.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

According to *The Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals* by Ann Ball, the famous song about the Twelve Days of Christmas was written in England as a catechism song for young Catholics in the days when it was illegal to practice or teach the Catholic Faith. It contains hidden meanings intended to help children remember lessons of faith. Instead of referring to an earthly suitor, the 'true love' mentioned in the song really refers to God. The 'me' who receives the presents is symbolic of every baptized person.

Partridge in a pear tree

Jesus Christ, symbolized as a mother partridge feigning injury to decoy predators from the chicks in her nest.

Two turtle dove

Old & New Testaments

Three French Hens

Faith, hope, charity

Four Calling birds

The Four Gospels

Five Golden Rings

The Pentateuch

Six geese a laying

Six days of creation

Seven Swans a swimming

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Eight maids a-milking

Eight Beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing

Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Ten Lords a-leaping

Ten Commandments

Eleven pipers piping

The eleven faithful disciples

Twelve drummers drumming

Twelve articles of the Apostles Creed