
ST THOMAS'S & ST BERNADETTE'S

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MASSES AT ST THOMAS'

Vigil	5 pm
Sunday	9 & 10.30 am
Mon-Fri	10 am

MASSES AT ST BERNADETTE'S

Vigil	6.15 pm
Sunday	12 noon
Mon-Fri	9 am

SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS

9.30 (St Bern.) 10.30 am (St Thomas's)

CONFESSIONS

Sat 4.30 pm-4.50 pm (St Thomas's)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) JANUARY 31 · 2016

BULLETIN

Any submissions to the Bulletin should be dropped in at the Presbytery or emailed to bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk.

APPOINTMENT TIMES

Please note that Father is available from 10.30am-12.30pm each morning and 5.00pm-7.00pm in the evening, except Friday. Should you need a more formal appointment, times can be allocated by the secretary on the Parish number.

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

If you or a member of your family are going into hospital or are ill, please receive this sacrament beforehand. Fr McGinley will gladly arrange this for you. It helps the hospital chaplains.

If you are concerned about a relative who is seriously ill, then the Ward Sister or Nurse will contact the Chaplain of the hospital to attend

If your relative has died in hospital, prayers can be offered by the family and contact can be made with your Parish Priest to arrange the funeral.

BAPTISMS

Anyone requiring Baptism please contact Fr McGinley, Sr Françoise or Sr Francesca. The next date for the celebration of the sacrament is Sunday, 7 February.

MARRIAGE

See Fr McGinley if you intend to marry. The Archdiocese requires 6 months notice.

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YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION

The works of mercy are the practical ways we live out mercy. They are how we show loving kindness, compassion, and self-restraint to the people around us, both physically and spiritually. According to the Catechism, 'The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities' (No. 2447). This week, read through, reflect and act upon some of the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC held a wide ranging discussion, particularly focussing on how we as a parish can focus on the corporal works of mercy this Lent. The possibility of inviting speakers from various organisations to talk about their work and to encourage others was raised. Maya McDonald submitted her resignation and thanks were expressed for her years of service to the Parish Council. There was a short discussion on the need for further talks regarding fundraising for improvements to the Church. Also presented were the current funds available in the Parishes' bank accounts: St Thomas's: £19,544.93, St Thomas's Hall: £18,084.85 & St Bernadette's: £21,285.39.

New Choir Members

We need you! Please consider joining the choir. You don't need to be able to read music, as long as you can hold a tune. Part of the choir's task is to lead the music in the

liturgy and other services. The only practice is for an hour on a Wednesday evening. If you think you might be interested, please contact Mark the organist or any of the choir members.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 10 – just over a week away. Mass will be at 9 in St Bernadette's and 10 in St Thomas's as usual. There will also be an evening Mass at St Thomas's at 7 pm.

Gift Aid

On behalf of the Parish we wish to thank you for your commitment to the Gift Aid scheme; it provides a major return to the Parish on your weekly contributions. I would ask those who are paying tax and not in the scheme to sign up - please talk to Father to express your interest. To those who already contribute I am asking you seriously to consider offering, if you are in full-time em-

ployment, the equivalent of the first hour's pay from your wages. For example, for a worker aged 21 years or over, earning the statutory minimum wage, this would be £6.70. For a worker aged 18 to 20 inclusive, earning the statutory minimum wage, this would be £5.30. For a worker aged under 18 (but above compulsory school age), £3.87.

A letter has already gone out to those already participating in the scheme. A good response to this appeal would vastly increase the finances of the Parish and could help with other projects.

Messengers

The Lent brochure is now available for pick up and distribution. Many thanks for your help.

Minibus

Sincere apologies to those who get picked up by the minibus but due to a delay in getting its MOT we aren't permitted to operate it this week.

Lentfest at St Thomas's

As part of Lentfest, the play 'Amongst Women' will be staged in St Thomas's Hall on Saturday 5 March at 7.30. Tickets are £5 and available from the Chapel house. Mothers Day is the next day, so a ticket for the play could make a nice gift.

Altar Servers

The next meeting of Altar Servers will be Monday 8 February at 4.30pm.

Vespers

Vespers to mark the close of the four hundredth Anniversary Year in honour of St John Ogilvie will be held at St Aloysius's, Garnethill on Wednesday 9 March at 9pm.

Wonder & Awe

RCAG Youth are back this year with 'Wonder & Awe' which will take place on the first Friday of every month (starting February) from 7-9 in St Andrew's Cathedral. Wonder & Awe is an invitation for young people to come to the real presence of God and experience his love.

Annual White Mass for Catholic Health Care Workers

The Diocese of Paisley is hosting the annual White Mass for healthcare professionals and workers this year. It will be in St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley on Sunday 7 February at 12 noon. All welcome.

Coffee Morning

The monthly Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 6 February in the Choir Loft after the 10.30am devotions.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 1.2 Reception & Requiem Mass for Joseph Symington St Bernadette's – Mass 9 am
St Thomas's – Mass 10 am

TUESDAY 2.2 St Bernadette – Mass 9 am
Reception & Requiem Mass for Terence O'Reilly St Thomas's – Mass 10 am

WEDNESDAY 3.2 St Bernadette's – Mass 9 am
St Thomas's – Mass 10 am

THURSDAY 4.2 St Bernadette's – Mass 9 am
St Thomas's – Mass 10 am

FRIDAY 5.2 St Bernadette's – Mass 9 am
St Thomas's – Mass 10 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died

Ellen Manners, Terence O'Reilly, James McDonald, Joseph Symington,
Helen Brady

Anniversaries

Michael Kirk, Helen Kent, Margaret McGeough, Douglas Davidson, Philip Fitzpatrick, Daniel McConway, Alberto Pacitti, Clementina Pacitti

PARISH DONATIONS

Last week's Collection

St Thomas's Other: £475 St Thomas's Gift Aid: £391

Have you considered signing up for Gift Aid? If you make a donation to the parish by cash, cheque or standing order it's possible to increase the value of the donation by an extra 25%. Contact Fr McGinley if you're interested.
