

WEEK AHEAD

MON. APRIL 4

- Mass 9am (St Bernadette's)
- Mass 10am (St Thomas's)

Reception of the Remains of Willie McLeod at 6.30 pm (St. Thomas's)

TUES. 5

- Mass 9am (St Bernadette's)
- Requiem Mass 10am for Willie McLeod (St Thomas's)

WED. 6

- Mass 9am (St Bernadette's)
- Mass 10am (St Thomas's)

THU. 7

- Mass 9am (St Bernadette's)
- Mass 10am (St Thomas's)

FRI. 8

- Mass 9am (St Bernadette's)
- Mass 10am (St Thomas's)

SAT. 9

- Marian Devotions 9.30am (St Bernadette's)
- Marian Devotions 10.30am (St Thomas's) followed by coffee morning

PARISH DONATIONS

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
Other £740	Other £251
GAD £354	GAD £101
SCIAF £640	SCIAF £318

Collections for the Holy Places
£665

**PLEASE
PRAY FOR**

*Those who are sick at home
or in hospital:*

Joe O'Neill, John Stewart,
Else Hughes

Those who have died recently:

Moira Woods, Canon John
McAuley, Bridie Conron (Co.
Wicklow), Agnes Mulrone, y,
Maureen O'Connor, Peter Hughes,
Paul Reynolds, Alicia Quigley,
Margaret Wilson, Willie McLeod,
Andrew McGowan Sr.

Anniversaries

Margaret Craig, Jack Craig, John
Lynch, Josephine Phillips,
Maureen Hyndman (2nd), Joseph
Deighan, William Boyle, Sheridan
Family, Angus Gordon, Maisie
Gordon, Paul Hughes (1st), Isobel
Murphy, Frank & Cathy Reilly

MASS BOUQUETS

Mass Bouquet
Cecilia McDaid

Easter Mass Bouquets
Margaret Henretty, Lily Fraser,
Stephen Harvey, Betty Taylor,
Kane, Bailey, Haughey.

ST THOMAS'S & ST BERNADETTE'S

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (C)

Father John McGinley (PP)
Deacon Kenny McGeachie
Sr Francesca & Sr Françoise

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bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk

Appointment Times

Please note that Father is available from
10.30am–12.30pm each morning. 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.

Baptisms

Anyone requiring Baptism please contact
Fr McGinley, Sr Françoise or Sr
Francesca.

Marriage

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

MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass St Thomas's 5pm
St Bernadette's 6.15pm

Sunday Mass
St Thomas's 9 & 10.30am
St Bernadette's 12 noon

Monday–Friday
St Bernadette's 9am
St Thomas's 10am

Saturday Marian Devotions
St Bernadette's 9.30am
St Thomas's 10.30am

Confessions
St Thomas's 4.30–4.50pm Saturday

**THIS WEEK'S
NOTICES**

Coffee Morning

The Sudan Coffee morning
which was postponed from
Saturday 2 April will now be
held on Saturday 9 April in St
Thomas's after the 10.30am
Marian Devotions.

Dear Parishioner

It is over 6 months now since I joined you here in both parishes. In this time we are celebrating the Extra-Ordinary Year of Mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis which began last December until this November.

As mentioned before the concept of a Jubilee Year (Based on Judaic tradition) is to reflect and pray, to discern and give thanks and also to allow our hearts and souls to go fallow a while and allow the Holy Spirit to regenerate his works within us. In this Year they are seen in our Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercies.

Some Reflections.

Since coming to the parish last September we have celebrated 43 Funerals in both parishes (that's a lot) about 25 Baptisms, 4 Adults Baptised and received into Holy Church and more baptisms expected. The Primary 3 children have just celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Primary 4 await their Reception of Holy Communion in May.

This is just the Sacramental life of the Parish. Here is acknowledged the great help which Deacon Kenny and Srs Francoise, Francesca & Rose

give to the parishes and the good works they achieve (We pray for Sr Francesca's Mum who died on Easter Vigil night. We pray for Sister and her family). We thank Colin & Thomas Parish Secretaries for their help. Also to Fr Stephen Dunn who has been helping too.

One of the sensitive areas of Burying the Dead is that most family relatives are lapsed in the Faith and therefore the Church they left many years ago they think is still around. Their memories of Parents coming to Mass, many Priests, people in the parish they knew is not the reality today. Nevertheless we continue to offer as a parish our hopes and concerns for all, especially those in most need.

The Liturgies

The Priest is ordained first and foremost for the Sacred Liturgy, that is the Worship of God, expressed when the parish comes together to Pray.

Our Christmas Liturgies and Easter Liturgies are an expression of that Worship. This Year for the first time both parishes came together for the Easter Triduum/The Church expresses her wish that 'with the above in mind, it may be better to have the communities within a cluster try

to join together to better celebrate their "one" Paschal Triduum Liturgy than for the Pascal Triduum liturgies to be duplicated at various worship sites within the community'. The Sacred Triduum is to be carried out in those churches in which they can be carried out with dignity. That is, with:

1. A good attendance of the faithful.
2. An appropriate number of ministers.
3. The means to sing the Liturgies.

I am sure for those who attended the Holy Week Services were a beautiful experience and we may have to be aware with the rapid changes in Parish/Diocesan Life, more coming together will be the norm.

As mentioned above the Jubilee Year is an opportunity to give thanks and discern for the future. With that in mind, and within the norms of the Parish Council Directives, after 6 months of a Parish Priest's arrival he is free to begin the Process of making changes to the composition of the parish Council. With that in mind I invite existing members to stand down and there will be a time of reflection to ascertain whether folk wish to stand again

or new members come on board. In the meantime thanks to those who have fulfilled this role over many years in both Parishes. Let us pray that Parishioners may value their Parishes and be of assistance in the future.

Thanks to all who participate in giving of their time to visit the sick & housebound, our extra-ordinary ministers and readers and musicians, to the active groups within the parishes, SSVP, RCIA, CHILDREN'S LITURGY, CATHOLIC TEACHERS ETC. *This is important work.* Maybe in the near future these groups will expand by parishes coming together and groups joining together.

The discerning of the Parishes are of course connected to the wider Diocesan Plans which are unfolding over the next few years and which we will have to implement, involving the clustering and closer collaboration of Parishes and Resources.

We pray that through the Jubilee year we may be open to those changes and whatever plans God the Holy Spirit may have for our Parish communities.

Fr John McGinley