

Catholic Education Week

TODAY we welcome Catholic teachers and children from our Catholic Schools to celebrate and pray for Catholic Education and thank them for all they do in transmitting the Faith at both Primary and Secondary level. St Mungo's Secondary, which is our Parish Secondary School and St Thomas' Primary our Parish Primary – more to follow in next week's bulletin.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday represents the opening of the period of our Lenten observance. We begin this period of fasting and prayer by reciting the Litany of the Saints on 1st Sunday of LENT invoking their assistance in our efforts. We hope you've all of you received your Lenten brochure last week and you've had a chance to read and ponder what it says.

Ash Wednesday Masses – 10 February

There is Mass and distribution of ashes at St Bernadette's at 9am and at St Thomas' at 10am, Short service at 11.45am (for St Thomas's Primary) and Mass in the evening at 7 pm, St Thomas'

World Day of Prayer

St Michael's parish in Parkhead will celebrate this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4 March at 3pm. There will be tea and coffee in the church hall afterwards. All welcome.

Lenten Reflection for Teachers

There will be a Lenten Reflection for all teachers on 17 February from 7.pm. to 8.30pm at St Andrew's Cathedral on Clyde St.

Altar Servers

The next meeting of Altar Servers will be Monday 8 February at 4.30pm. Please encourage your child to come along. New intakes welcome. Must be P4 upwards. Thanks to all those who serve.

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 maybe interested please contact Mark the organist or any of the choir members.

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 employment, 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 gone out detailing my request - a good response to this appeal would vastly increase the finances of the Parish and could help with other projects.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 20.01.16

The PPC minutes are posted on the Notice Board.

Wonder and 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.

Mass attendance cards

Mass attendance cards for children receiving the Sacraments are given to encourage children and parents to come to Mass. The children enjoy speaking to Father and it is a good way for the children to feel esteemed.

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 £5 Mothers Day is the next day, so a ticket for the play could make a nice gift.

Fr. has 30 tickets .Please collect from stall if you wish to purchase.

Important to support those who work in the Archdiocesan Arts Project.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8 February

St Bernadette's 9.00 am, St Thomas's 10.00am

Tuesday 9 February

St Bernadette's 9.00am, St Thomas's 10.00am

Ash Wednesday with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes.

St Bernadette's 9.00am

St Thomas's 10.00am, 11.45am (School), St Thomas's 7.00pm

Thursday 11 February

St Bernadette's 9.00am, St Thomas's 10.00am

Friday 12 February

St Bernadette's 9.00am, St Thomas's 10.00am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

For those who are sick at home or in hospital

Those who have died recently

Maureen Kelly, George Henderson, Alice Gaitens, Thomas Parkes,
Kieran McSorley, Elizabeth Foy

Anniversaries

Sophie Maguire (6th), Mary Dougan (7th), Liam Wilson (19th)
Douglas Davidson

Congratulations

Tom & Mary McConkey on their sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

PARISH DONATIONS

We acknowledge with thanks last week's Collection:

St Thomas's Other: £513 St Bernadette's Other: £236
St Thomas's Gift Aid: £388 St Bernadette's Gift Aid: £191
St Nicholas Care Fund: £50

With GAD you can increase your donation to the Parish by 25%.
Please contact Father McGinley if interested.

St Thomas' and St Bernadette's

www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk

Masses at St Thomas'

Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am

Monday – Friday 10.00am

Saturday Marian Devotions

9.30 (St Bern.), 10.30 (St Thomas)

Masses at St Bernadette's

Vigil 6.15pm

Sunday 12 noon

Monday – Friday 9.00am

Confessions

Saturday 4.30 – 4.50pm (St Thomas)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 7 February 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 Fr McGinley is available from 10.30–12.30pm each morning and 5.00–7.00pm in the evening (Tuesday to Thursday). Formal appointments 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, the Ward Nurse will contact the Chaplain of the hospital. If your relative has died in hospital, prayers can be offered by the family and contact 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. Next enrolment date Sunday 13th March, both parishes.

Marriage

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