

**Care not Killing.** In a statement to media outlets, CNK said 'It is extremely disappointing to learn that yet again the BBC is acting as the cheer leader for assisted suicide and suicide, by killing off one of the best known and well-loved characters on British TV. 'Terminal illness and suicide are serious issues that warrant measured and informed debate. We welcome the fact that the programme makers appear to have sought advice from the Samaritans, but this should not obscure the simple fact, that this is the seventh pro-killing programme which promotes assisted suicide and euthanasia, while the alternatives, quality palliative and hospice care along with home care continue to be ignored.

In January of this year on the Media Show, the head of factual programming for the BBC defended the decision to give such prominence to Simon's Choice by saying that they [the BBC] wanted to produce a documentary looking at cancer and palliative care. This has still not aired, has not been publicised and as far as we can tell might not ever appear on our screens.'

**Parish Donations - We acknowledge with thanks last week's Collections;**

St Thomas's Other: £450.50                      St Bernadette's Other: £236.00  
 St Thomas's Gift Aid: £344.50                St Bernadette's Gift Aid: £196.00

**Archdiocese of Glasgow - Gift Aid -** There are 5 new people in the gift Aid scheme. Thanks for joining this simple and effective way to reclaim on your contributions which helps the parish even further.

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.

**AGAP Summer Special Movie Double**

See the poster in St Thomas's porch with the details of AGAP's Film nights.

**SVP Concert**

The Annual SSVp concert takes place on Friday 27th May - poster in foyer. For tickets speak to any member.

**Fatima Pilgrimage**

The second deposit of £250 towards next year's pilgrimage is now due. Please contact Jimmy Stirling.

**Lourdes July 2016**

The Parish would like to send 2-4 people to Lourdes as part of the Glasgow *Hospitalité*. Would Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion contact us if any of the people they visit would like to go. We would need to know by the end of May. Please contact Fr McGinley or Tommy Flannery.

**ST. BERNADETTE'S AND ST. THOMAS'**

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

**OUR PASTORAL TEAM**

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**Sacrament of Matrimony**

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

**Sacrament of Anointing**

If you or a member of your family is going into hospital, please receive this sacrament beforehand. This greatly helps hospital chaplains. Contact Fr. McGinley to arrange to receive this sacrament.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

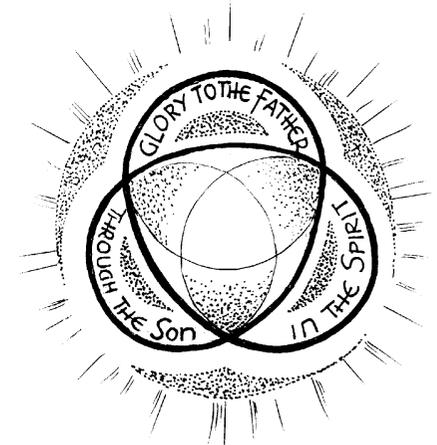
Saturdays 4.30 p.m. - 4.50 p.m.  
 in St. Thomas' Also, anytime on request.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Enquiries about the Sacrament of Baptism - contact Fr. McGinley, Sr. Francoise or Sr. Francesca. The next course begins on June 5th., with Baptism following at the end of that month.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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John 16: 12- 15

When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth.

**Appointment Times**

Please note that Fr. McGinley is available for appointments at the following times.  
 Mon. - Fri. 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
 Tues. - Thurs. 5.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

**Parish Bulletin**

Submissions for the parish bulletin should either be dropped in at the presbytery or emailed to [bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk)

## Fabric Issues

The Archdiocese has issued directives in the case of Fire Risk Assessment in the Parishes which concerns the Validity of Insurance certificates needed for our properties. Included in these are the clearance of all passageways etc, due care with candles and votive stands. Please see notice board for further details.

Electrical certificates for St Thomas Church and Presbytery and St Bernadette Church have been deemed 'unsatisfactory' for Insurance Certificates, therefore some remedial work will take place next week so that these buildings will conform. The costs will be about £2000.

Church roof tiles have been dislodged over the winter and are in need of replacement. McCorquodale Roofing Contractors have been instructed to begin work.

## Lepra Appeal 2016 - St Thomas & St Bernadette Parishes

The Lepra Appeal will take place this weekend at all Masses. Ros Kerry will be representing Lepra and will inform us of their work and the many ways in which the charity cares and cures those people who have Leprosy.

Both parishes have always been generous and again I would ask for your help in supporting this cause. The 2nd Collection this Sunday is for Lepra. Thank you.

**First Holy Communions.** Thank you to our children who received this wonderful Sacrament in both Parishes over the last 2 weeks. Thanks also to those who prepared the children in many different ways and journeyed with them. May you know God's kindnesses. Thanks too to our Catholic Teachers for all they do.

If Parents wish to access photographs taken of their children at their First Holy Communion could they please go to the sacristy after Mass for login details.

**Archdiocesan Medal.** Margaret (Rita) O'Hara from St Bernadette' Parish has been awarded the Archdiocesan Medal from Archbishop Tartaglia for her outstanding service to the parish of St Bernadette's over many decades.

The presentation to Rita will be made at the 12 noon Mass today at St Bernadette's where she will be joined by her family and the wider parish family. Congratulations to you Rita. Tea/Coffee Refreshments after Mass.

**St Margaret Pilgrimage to Dunfermline.** The annual Pilgrimage to Dunfermline in honour of St Margaret of Scotland will take place on Sunday 12 June this year. After spending the day visiting the sites associated with St Margaret, Pilgrims are to gather at the gates of Pittencrieff Park at 3pm for the procession of St Margaret's relics through the town culminating in Mass at 4pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

**'Thanking God for His Great Mercy'**. There will be a Mass on Tuesday 14 June for all children and young people with Additional Support Needs; their parents, families, carers, teachers and friends are invited to participate.

MON May 23rd.	Daily Mass St. Bernadette's at 9.00 a.m. & St. Thomas' at 10.00a.m.
TUES May 24th.	Daily Mass St. Bernadette's at 9.00 a.m. & St. Thomas' at 10.00a.m. Cluster meeting in St. Bernadette's 7.00 p.m.
WED. May 25th.	Daily Mass St. Bernadette's at 9.00 a.m. & St. Thomas' at 10.00a.m. Reception of Remains of Charles Joyce (6.30pm St. Bernadette's)
THUR. May 26th.	Requiem Mass - Charles Joyce in St. Bernadette's at 9.00 a.m. Daily Mass in St. Thomas' at 10.00 a.m.
FRI. May 27th.	Daily Mass St. Bernadette's at 9.00 a.m. & St. Thomas' at 10.00a.m.
SAT. May 28th.	Marian Devotions in St. Bernadette's at 9.30 a.m. Marian Devotions in St. Thomas' at 10.30 a.m.

Please pray for the following this week.

SICK	For those who are sick at home or in hospital
RECENTLY DEAD	Tony Fitzpatrick, Jim Roarty
ANNIVERSARIES	Vincent Martin, Raymond Martin, Harriet Conlon, Luke Conlon, Arthur Murphy, Catherine McKay, Austin O'Murchadha.

**PRO-LIFE ISSUES.** There will be a second collection taken up for The Day for Life next week (29 May). Here are some reflections on society today and how we must maintain a culture of life.

**The latest abortion figures show that on average, 509 unborn babies were killed by abortion every single day in 2015 in England and Wales alone.**

The figures released today by the Department of Health show that the overall number of abortions taking place in England and Wales in 2015 was 0.7% higher than in 2014. In total, 185,824 abortions were performed on English & Welsh residents last year.

**Disabled babies especially vulnerable.** Additionally, the figures show a rise in repeat abortions and abortions carried out on the grounds of disability. There were 3,213 abortions for disability – a 3.7% increase on 2014. 38% of abortions were repeat abortions, performed on women who had had at least one abortion previously.

**Abortion funding.** 30% of abortions were performed in NHS hospitals, but more than two-thirds were sub-contracted to external clinics, run by abortion chains like BPAS and Marie Stopes. This figure has risen dramatically over the last 20 years and represents one of the key growth strategies of the abortion industry. In total, nearly all abortions (98%) were funded by taxpayers.