

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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MASS TIMES

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

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

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

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

Confessions
 St Thomas's 4.30–4.50 pm Saturday

Appointment Times

Please note that Father is available from 10.30 am–12.30 pm each morning and 5–7.00 pm in the evening, Monday to Thursday. 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.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Sr Mary Gerard O'Donnell OSF

Congratulations on her Golden Anniversary of Profession which was celebrated on Saturday with Archbishop-Emeritus Conti and the people of

our two parishes. Sr Helena is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. They were founded here in Glasgow in 1847 by two French nuns – Sr Adelaide Vaast and Sr Veronica Cordier – who came in response to a plea from the Church in Glasgow for Sisters to teach the poor children of their parishes. To date they are the only religious order founded in Scotland. From their work as teachers of Glasgow's burgeoning Catholic population to today in their work in the pastoral care of the poor and needy we give them thanks for their ministry among us during the last 168 years.

St Thomas's Roofwork

After negotiations with our insurance company the quote of £3199 to do repairs to the roof of the Church has been accepted and work has now commenced. The parish is liable for £300 of this figure.

Parish Appeal

Fr James Cadman will come to the Parish next week (23–24 July) to make an appeal. Unlike many parts of the world where there are few seminarians the crisis in large parts of Asia is the lack of space for the number of applicants. Fr Cadman's Diocese (Diocese of Maasin, Southern Leyte in Philippines) is experiencing the same challenge. At the moment the construction of a new Seminary building is underway. Because of the healthy

number of vocations the Diocese has been able to send priests out as missionaries and your support would be very much appreciated for every little helps to bring a young man closer to the Altar of the Lord.

Wedding

Congratulations to Chiara Conroy and Tymoteusz Tubilewicz who married last Saturday at St Thomas's. We offer them our best wishes and prayers for their married life together.

Welcome

Fr Gerald Sharkey is in residence at St Thomas's during his holidays from work as Vice-Rector of the Scots College in Rome. We will also be welcoming Fr John Okpotu to our parish on 29 July. He will be staying with us until 29 August.

Lourdes

Some of our parishioners have been able to go to Lourdes through the charity of the Parish Lourdes Fund. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to their fundraising work.

Among Women

AGAP Theatre presents: Among Women, written & directed by Stephen Callaghan. Thursday 14 July in Eyre Hall, Archdiocesan Offices and Friday 15 July in St Helen's Hall, Langside. Both performances at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (£2 for under-16s) from

0141 552 5527 or info@agap.org.uk.
Tickets will also be available on the door.



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE Q & A

Q. How is Marriage a Sacrament?

A. When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage between two baptized persons is a sacrament, it is saying that the couple’s relationship expresses in a unique way the unbreakable bond of love between Christ and his people. Like the other six sacraments of the Church, marriage is a sign or symbol which reveals the Lord Jesus and through which his divine life and love are communicated. All seven sacraments were instituted by Christ and were entrusted to the Church to be celebrated in faith within and for the community of believers. The rituals and prayers by which a sacrament is celebrated serve to express visibly what God is doing invisibly.

In a sacramental marriage, God’s love becomes present to the spouses in their total union and also flows through them to their family and community. The sacrament of Christian marriage involves their entire life as they journey together through the ups and downs of marriage and become more able to give to and receive from each other. Their life becomes sacramental to the extent that the couple cooperates with God’s action in their life and sees themselves as

living ‘in Christ’ and Christ living and acting in their relationship, attitudes and actions.

Catholic teaching holds that sacraments bring grace to those who receive them with the proper disposition. Grace is a way of describing how God shares the divine life with us and gives us the help we need to live as followers of Christ. In marriage, the grace of this sacrament brings to the spouses the particular help they need to be faithful and to be good parents. It also helps a couple to serve others beyond their immediate family and to show the community that a loving and lasting marriage is both desirable and possible.

Pope Paul VI wrote: “By it [the Sacrament of Matrimony] husband and wife are strengthened and ... consecrated for the faithful accomplishment of their proper duties, for the carrying out of their proper vocation even to perfection, and the Christian witness which is proper to them before the whole world” (*Humanae Vitae*, n. 25).



**ST MARY MAGDALENE
(Feastday 22 July)**

‘The women are the first at the tomb. They are the first to find it empty. They are the first to hear ‘He is not here. He has risen, as he said’ (Matthew 28: 1–10). They are the first to

embrace his feet (Matthew 28:9). The women are also the first to be called to announce this truth to the Apostles. The Gospel of John emphasizes

the special role of Mary Magdalene (see also Mark 16:9). She is the first to meet the Risen Christ.... Hence she came to be called ‘the apostle of the Apostles’.

St John Paul II, *Mulieris Dignitatem*

WEEK AHEAD

• Mon. 18

Mass 9 am (St B)

Mass 10am (St T)

• Tues. 19

Mass 9 am (St B)

Mass 10 am (St T)

• Wed. 20

Mass 9 am (St B)

Mass 10 am (St T)

Reception of the remains of Margaret Kirkwood .. 6.30 pm (St B)

• Thu. 21

Requiem Mass for

Margaret Kirkwood 9 am (St B)

Mass 10 am (St T)

• Fri. 22

Memorial of St Mary Magdalene

Mass 9 am (St B)

Mass 10 am (St T)

• Sat. 23

Feastday of St Bridgid of Sweden

Marian Devotions ... 9.30 am (St B)

Marian Devotions ... 10.30 am (St T)

INTENTIONS

those sick at home or in hospital

Eileen Forrest

those who have died recently

Frances McIntosh, Alice Malcolm, Margaret Kirkwood, Margaret Sheridan, Kenny Crampsey

Anniversaries

John Hughes, Fr Harry Farrell (P.P.), Kathleen Fearon (1st), Anne Brown (20th), Jane Mills (1st), Fr Joe Cairns, Thomas McGinness, Gertrude McGinness, Sam McGinness, Janet McGinness, Catherine Murphy, Ina Lawson

Mass Bouquet

Sr Françoise

PARISH DONATIONS

9 & 10 JULY 2016

St Thomas's

Other £271

GAD £373

St Bernadette's

Other £216

GAD £190