

high mountain, immersed in prayer, He is transfigured before them: his face and his entire person irradiate a blinding light. The three disciples are frightened, as a cloud envelops them and the Father's voice sounds from above, as at the Baptism on the Jor-

WEEK AHEAD

• Mon. 1 August

Memorial of

St Alphonsus Liguori

Mass 9 am (St B)
Mass 10 am (St T)

• Tues. 2

Mass 9 am (St B)
Mass 10 am (St T)

• Wed. 3

Mass 9 am (St B)
Mass 10 am (St T)

• Thu. 4 *Memorial of*

St John Vianney

Mass 9 am (St B)
Mass 10 am (St T)

• Fri. 5

Mass 9 am (St B)
Mass 10 am (St T)

• Sat. 6 *Feast of the*

Transfiguration of the Lord

Marian Devotions 9.30 am (St B)
Marian Devotions 10.30 am (St T)

dan: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him' (Mk 9: 7). Jesus is the Son-made-Servant, sent into the world to save us all through the Cross, fulfilling the plan of salvation. His full adherence to God's will renders his humanity transparent to the glory of God, who is love.'

(Pope Francis, 1 March 2015)

INTENTIONS

Those who have died recently

Marie McCabe, Mrs Morgan, Donna White, Marie Loudon

Anniversaries

Gerard McDonald, Pat White, John Paul McCall, Josie Kess (2nd), Julia Kess (13th), Catherine Lyons (20th)

Mass Bouquets

A Mass Bouquet will be offered for John & Liz Wright and family.

A Mass Bouquet will be offered to celebrate the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Andy & Joanne Gormley.

PARISH DONATIONS

23 & 24 JULY 2016

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
Other £247	Other £150
GAD £298	GAD £227

ST THOMAS'S & ST BERNADETTE'S

31.07.2016

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (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 Françoise

I would like to thank everyone for their Masses, cards and gifts. I will miss you all, but you will be in my prayers. I would like to thank every-

one for taking on my communions and other ministries. It is a wonderful way to minister to our brothers and sisters. My last day will be on 31 July. God bless.

Parish appeals

A letter was received from Fr Pat Harrity wrote to acknowledge receipt of the collection (£1185) for the White Fathers and their mission appeal. Unlike many parts of the world where there are few seminarians the crisis in large parts of Asia and Africa is the lack of space for the number of applicants. Fr James Cadman thanks you for your most warm welcome to both parishes and thanks you for your generosity (£1242) in the furthering of vocations and helping his diocese (Diocese of Maasin, Southern Leyte in the Philippines) build a seminary. Because of the healthy number of vocations, his diocese has been able to send priests out as missionaries. Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Bulletin

There will be no bulletin in the month of August. It will resume in September.

Thank you

Rita, Moira and family thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes. Tom is continuing to improve at

home and Holy Mass will be offered for everyone's intentions.

Fr John Okpotu

We welcome Fr John Okpotu who will be with us until 29 August. From the Diocese of Otokpu, Benue State, North Central of Nigeria, he is currently a student of the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome where he is studying Pastoral Communications.

St Margaret of Scotland Hospice

There is a letter from the Hospice in the porch of St Thomas's thanking the parishioners of both parishes for their donation to the Hospice in sponsorship of Andrew McGowan who ran the Rome marathon.

Pauline Books & Media

The bookshop will move from Royal Exchange Square to St Enoch's Square at some point between the middle and the end of August.

AGAP Summer Special Movie Double

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

The Margaret Sinclair Story

Stephen Callaghan of the Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project (AGAP) has written a new play for the Edinburgh Fringe on the life of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair. Performances will be held at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, in Edinburgh from 6-12

August at 7.45pm (Matinees on 9 & 11 August at 3.00pm). Tickets are £6 (£5 Concession). Available from the Fringe box office or online at tickets.edfringe.com.

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.

Lottery Prize (St Bernadette's)

One lucky parishioner has won £2700.00 in our parish lottery. Congratulations.

We are now in a position to accept new members. All profits go towards the upkeep of the parish. If you would like to become a member see Pat, Rita or Jimmy.

FEAST OF ST JOHN VIANNEY

Patron Saint of Parish Priests

'Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth.... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods.... Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest and they will

end by worshiping the beasts there.... The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.'

St John Vianney

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

'In this [feast], the Church points out to us the end of the journey of conversion: participation in Christ's glory, which shines on the face of the obedient Servant, who died and rose for us.

The Gospel recounts the event of the Transfiguration, which takes place at the height of Jesus' public ministry. He is on his way to Jerusalem, where the prophecies of the 'Servant of God' and his redemptive sacrifice are to be fulfilled. The crowds did not understand this: presented with a Messiah who contrasted with their earthly expectations, they abandoned Him. They thought the Messiah would be the liberator from Roman domination, the emancipator of the homeland, and they do not like Jesus' perspective and so they leave Him. Neither do the Apostles understand the words with which Jesus proclaims the outcome of his mission in the glorious passion, they do not understand! Jesus thus chooses to give to Peter, James and John a foretaste of his glory, which He will have after the Resurrection, in order to confirm them in faith and encourage them to follow Him on the trying path, on the Way of the Cross. Thus, on a