

Twenty-Seventh 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

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

As well as Marian devotions each Saturday morning in both parishes there will be Novena Prayers each Thursday evening at 7 pm in St Bernadette's led by Sister Francesca and the Parish. There will be an opportunity for Confession during this time. Thursday 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 7 pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

This is a journey for those inquiring about the Catholic Faith and who may want to join the Church through Baptism or through Full Communion.

It is a 1–3 year course of discovering more about Faith. The cluster Parishes have decided to carry forward a joint catechesis programme every two weeks until Easter 2018. Sr Francesca and Parish Priests of the Parishes will be involved but also looking for parishioners to commit to journey and share their faith with others. Anyone who has been thinking of wanting to be Baptised into the Catholic Faith contact Father. A further get together will be called for interested folk who want to come along. **We hope the initial welcome and beginning will take place in October.**

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Resumes now for Pr4 – Pr7 children at the 10.30. & 12 Masses whereby the children gather together for readings and catechesis before joining us for the prayer of the Mass. If you wish to help please speak to Father or Katrina Vezza after Mass.

Baptisms

The next Baptisms will be celebrated Sunday 30th October with 3 catechesis classes over the preceding weeks.

Sacramental Programme

Parents with children receiving The Sacrament of Holy Communion next May will receive letter and Mass Attendance cards for their children to encourage families to Mass. The card to be signed by the Parish Priest. Look forward to seeing the children at Mass.

Lourdes Journal

The parish was able to assist in sending a young person to go to Lourdes this year and she has kindly written up a short journal of her time there. We've put Niamh McCormick's words up on the parish website (www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk). Please take a read.

Sale of Work

Last Saturday's Sale of Work in the Hall raised £219 for the parish. Thanks to those who organised and came

Choir Meeting

Wednesday 5th October at 7 pm. Informal chat to meet up and talk about whats coming up. Since coming to the Parish it has been easy to see how good the choir has been with many also in the Deanery Choir, but it is important to ensure that our

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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.

Baptisms

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

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The Sacrament of Anointing

If you or a member of your family are going into hospital please arrange to receive this sacrament beforehand. Fr McGinley will gladly organise this for you if you are due to go in or if you are ill.

Marriage

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

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Porridge Morning for Mary's Meals

St Bernadette's is hosting a Porridge morning after 9 am Mass on Monday 10 October (cereal option will also be available). There will be a small prize for the best decorated 'porridge face'. If you want to take part you might want to bring adornments i.e. fruit or veg.

Please try to come to Mass on the tenth and stay afterwards for breakfast. All proceeds to go to Mary's Meals.

St Bernadette's Lourdes Pilgrimage

It is our intention to run a pilgrimage to Lourdes during the school holiday week of October 2017. Anyone interested please call Jimmy on 07931 309 399 as soon as possible.

MacMillan Cancer Care

£500 was raised for the Macmillan Nurses at the last coffee morning at St Bernadette's. Well done to everyone who attended

own Sacred Liturgy has ample music and cover. If you have the notion to come along you are welcome and our young folk, those involved in Caritas can lend their vitality and voice. All welcome.

Cluster Statistics

Last November stats for the Parishes in our Cluster were as follows:

- St Thomas - 416
- St Bernadette - 304
- St Maria Goretti - 274
- St Jude - 153

A total of 1147 attending Mass with 3 priests offering 9 Masses for 1100 people. Food for thought.

Holy Mass for Newly Married Couples of 2016

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Holy Mass for the newly married couples of 2016 at St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday 13 November at 3pm. All couples of the Archdiocese married during the last year are invited to attend.

AGAP Film & Faith Club

This month's film is 'Risen' (2016, Cert. 12A). Meet at 7 pm on Thursday 6 October at St Mungo's Retreat which is next to St Mungo's Church, 52 Parson Street, G4 0RX

THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

'Go Sober for October' is an appeal by Macmillan Cancer Care to ditch alcohol and give the money to charity. It's interesting that secular causes ask for Abstinence as a means of giving. The Church through the ages has its great season of Lent and it is good to remember the two days of Fast & Ab-

stinence in the church calendar: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, with an invite to focus each Friday on the Lord's Passion and of course to refrain from alcohol in Holy Week to unite yourself with the Lord's Passion & Death. Indeed Abstinence is one of the five precepts of the church:

- You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation.

WEEK AHEAD

• Mon. 3 October

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

• Tues. 4 Mem. of St Francis of Assisi

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

• Wed. 5

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

• Thu. 6 Opt Mem. of St Bruno

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

• Fri. 7 Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary

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

• Sat. 8

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

- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
 - You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least once during the Easter season.
 - You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
 - You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.
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INTENTIONS

Sick

Louise Strong (Bestow) and all the sick of the parish.

Those who have died recently

Betty Wallace, Bert Hamill

Anniversaries

Agnes McEleney, William McKay,
 Elizabeth McKay, Kathleen Reilly,
 Jimmy Mooney (1st)

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Mass Bouquet

Colette Anne Geddes

PARISH DONATIONS

24 & 25 SEPTEMBER 2016

St Thomas's

St Bernadette's

Other £420

Other £187

GAD £325

GAD £177
