

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass St Thomas's 5.30 pm

Sunday Mass
 St Thomas's 10.00 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 5.00–5.30 pm Saturday

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

On Thursday past we celebrated the Solemnity of St Peter & Paul, a holyday. Today at all Masses the collection is taken up for Peter's Pence (The Pope's Charity). It is also the Feast of Priestly Ordinations. The Rev Jim Dean was ordained Priest on Wednesday last. There are five new Priests for Motherwell & Paisley. We have seminarians in both Parishes here discerning Vocation to Priestly life. This is all good news, tell others about it. We also pray for the soul of Fr Charlie Kane who died last week and give thanks to God for all Priests who serve you. Pray for them.

The Feast of St Thomas the Apostle

This Monday, 3 July, is the Feast of St Thomas and Patron of the Parish. There will be an evening Mass at 7 pm to allow others to attend. ***This will be the Mass of the day in St Thomas's*** (so no 10 am Mass that day). Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass.

Gates

For added security, the green gates beside the Church will be locked outwith service times for the month of July. Access to the hall will be via Cumbernauld Rd

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Has been re-ordered by the Archbishop to Primary 7 age. The Archbishop will celebrate The Sacrament here in St Thomas on Monday 13th November for children of St Thomas & St Jude's Parishes, the children being from St Thomas Primary 7 Our Lady of Peace Primary 7, 59 children in all. A programme of catechesis and preparation has been established for Parents /Sponsors and children and will begin after the children return to school in August. This is to let Parents know and be aware of the forthcoming Sacrament to be celebrated for your child.

Altar Servers Needed

Parents who wish to present their child as an Altar Server, please approach Fr McGinley

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers

Copies of the new Rota will be available to collect. Please check whether you're available on the times and dates you have been assigned.

Abortion & Northern Ireland

During the week, the Court of Appeal in Belfast ruled that Northern Ireland's abortion laws do not breach human rights, in a significant victory for the pro-life movement. However, this same day has seen the Government back down in the face of pressure from an amendment tabled by mostly Labour MPs to the Queen's

speech, and pledge to fund abortion for Northern Irish women in England.

Three judges found unanimously that Northern Ireland's laws, which prohibit abortion, are not incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The decision overturns a 2015 High Court judgement which stated that unborn children diagnosed with a serious disability or conceived in sexual crime did not deserve the legal protection provided to other children. After the ruling, Liam Gibson, the development officer for SPUC in Northern Ireland, said:

"This case was an attempt to introduce a lethal form of discrimination and a direct assault on the rights of all unborn children judged to be imperfect. The Court has recognised that there is no right to abortion within the European Convention and that matters of such huge moral, legal and social implications should be dealt with by the legislature and not by judges. They said that despite the criticisms of the law in Northern Ireland it provided a degree of certainty and accountability. They said that those who wanted a change in the law failed to show why disabled children did not deserve the same rights as other children."

This morning, the Speaker of the House of Commons selected an amendment put forward by Labour MP Stella Creasy, and signed by more than 50 MPs, calling for women from

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Foodbank

The St Bernadette's foodbank needs to be replenished with foodstuffs and toiletries.

SSVP Bus Run

Will take place at the beginning of August. Please look out for the list in the Gathering Area towards the end of July.

Northern Ireland to get free abortions on the English NHS. Apparently fearing that rebel Conservative MPs would mean the amendment passed, Chancellor Philip Hammond announced a sudden change of position from the government, saying: "...my understanding is the minister for women and equalities either has made or just about to make a statement explaining that she intends to intervene to fund abortions in England for women arriving here from Northern Ireland."

This was shortly followed by a letter from Justine Greening, who announced that the Equalities Department would make funds available for women from Northern Ireland who seek abortions in England. Stella Creasy has now withdrawn her amendment.

Responding to the news, SPUC's CEO John Smeaton said: "This is a black day for unborn children, for

mothers and for democracy. It's a great day for the abortion industry – which cares nothing about unborn children and for the welfare of women...This is a betrayal on the grandest scale imaginable. Innocent unborn babies are being treated treacherously by this Government which has chosen death over life in an effort to save their skin...It is nothing less than lethal meddling in affairs which do not concern it designed to thwart the political will of the people of Northern Ireland at the expense of the unborn who don't seem to matter at all to our political masters."

SPUC was founded in 1967 to oppose the Abortion bill being debated in Parliament at the time. That bill would go on to be the 1967 Abortion act, while SPUC would go on to be the



Appointment Times

10.30 am–12.30 pm each morning and from 5–7.00 pm in the evening, Monday to Thursday. Should a formal appointment be required please phone the Parish.

Baptisms

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

The Sacrament of Anointing

If you or a member of your family are going into hospital please arrange to receive this sacrament beforehand.

Marriage

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



UK's first pro-life group. We work to protect human lives at the national and local level and to build a society free from abortion.

St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society

Are looking for adopters. We pride ourselves on being a specialised adoption service and encourage you to take a look at our most recent inspection report at www.careinspectorate.com. Have you ever considered adoption? Could you give a loving, stable home to a child who has suffered abuse or trauma?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please visit our website stmargaretsadoption.org.uk for more information or call 0141 332 8371 and speak to our duty worker.

A. Muir Butchers

An enquiry has been made by the family butcher Archie Muir of Carntyne Square, who is looking for a school leaver interested in training in his shop as a butcher. Contact him on 0141 778 2431 for more information.

**PARISH DONATIONS
24 & 25 June 2017**

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
Other £408	Other £161
GAD £287	GAD £104

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. 3 JULY Feast of St Thomas the Apostle & Patronal Festival of St Thomas's Parish

After Christ's death and resurrection, St Thomas is said to have gone out to preach the Gospel in India where he was martyred. The faith that led him to know Christ in his wounds also sent him to the farthest places to preach Christ. He is the patron saint of India and also of Architects and Builders.

THU. 6 Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr, 1890-1902, died from stab wounds when opposing the advances of a suitor at the age of eleven, just a few weeks after making her First Communion. A devout, prayerful girl, she forgave her killer who was present at her canonisation by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital
Eileen Adaya

Those who have died recently

Fr Charles Kane, Mary McDonald, & Gilda Cenachi

Anniversaries

Facenda Family, Tony Thomson, Robert Boyle (57th) & Jean Mills (2nd)
