

**Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (Year B)**

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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

**Crib**

Thanks to all who helped take down the crib and store it away for next year. With only 324 days to Christmas it won't be long until we need it again.

**Lent**

With Ash Wednesday (14 February) and the Season of Lent fast approaching, it's time to plan ahead for both Lent and Easter.

We have two 'candidates' for reception into the Church this year – that means they have both been baptised, and nearer the time they will both make their First Confession and then, at the Easter Vigil, they will both be Confirmed and make their First Holy Communion.

Please remember Joanne and Louise as they prepare to be initiated into the Catholic Church. I will introduce both of them to the parish in the next few weeks. The Rite of Election where Joanne and Louise will be accepted as candidates will be Sunday 18 February at 3pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

**Lenten Devotions**

St Bernadette's – every Friday at 7pm we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.

St Thomas's – every Sunday at 7pm, Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.

The devotions will last approximately 30 minutes.

Can I encourage families with children preparing for the Sacraments and Altar Servers who will learn to serve Benediction to make this part of their Lenten journey.

### **First Reconciliation**

Parents of children being presented for First Reconciliation (Confession) who have not met Fr Garrity need to do so before their child can be presented for the Sacrament. Please call Father's office on 0141 770 7542 and ask for Colin on Thursdays or Fridays between 10.00–2.30pm to arrange an appointment.

### **Help with Confession in Lent**

Often people are frightened or uncomfortable with this Sacrament. Part of the problem is a natural fear when we have to admit we have made mistakes or have to discuss difficult issues. There is a fear of being judged and yet, when the Sacrament is understood correctly it is an opportunity of healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and grace.

This Lent there will be a series of three evenings in St Joseph's, Tollcross on successive Fridays (23 February, 2 and 9 March) to help people understand the meaning and purpose of this Sacrament. On the

first two evenings there will be Catechesis on what Confession is and some helpful discussion about how to approach the Sacrament with confidence as well as an opportunity to share ideas and experiences. This Catechesis will take place on Friday 23 February at 7pm and Friday 2 March at 7pm.

Each of the first two evenings will focus on preparing us for the Sacrament of Confession. On the third evening all the priests in the Deanery will be available to hear Confessions for approximately 2 hours. You, however, will have the freedom to come for the beginning of the service, have your confession heard, then leave.

Can I really encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity as this will act as our Lenten penitential service. For those of you who prefer a different type of Confession, I will put confessions on during Holy Week, so that everyone has the opportunity to get to Confession.

### **Hire of the Hall**

Father is working on a new price list for the hire of the halls. But just so that people have an idea of what that will be like we will give you some information now:

The small hall, for regular users, will be £10 per hour.

The large hall, for regular users, will be £15.

Occasional hires will be calculated on a special one-off rate depending

on the function. These new rates are consistent with the hall hire in the area and beyond and are based on our expenses (e.g. Gas, electricity and Waste).

### **Minibus**

The minibus failed its MOT and, for it to be made road worthy again it will cost us nearly £1000. Apologies for any inconvenience, especially to those who really rely on it to get to Mass on Sunday. Judging by its current condition, we will have to consider its financial viability in the near future.

Father Neil is not sure how affordable it will be in the long run but he will be happy to discuss it with you.

### **Education Sunday**

This past week has been Catholic Education week and we will take up special collection today for the work of the Catholic Education Service in Scotland.

### **40 Days for Life**

This year's 40 days for Life begins on 14 February and concludes on March 25. The location for the Vigil is outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (off Shieldhall Road) and will last from 8 am to 8 pm daily. For more information, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Glasgow](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Glasgow) or contact Rose Docherty on [Ogilvie2018@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie2018@outlook.com).

### **SCIAF Boxes & Crib offerings**

The SCIAF boxes are now available. Please hand your Crib Offering boxes in and we will send your donations to the St Margaret Adoption Society.

### **Beetle Drive**

There will be a Beetle Drive on Tuesday 13 February (Pancake Tuesday) in the Gathering Area of St Bernadette's at 7 pm. Tickets £3 (Tea/Coffee/Raffle) will be on sale next weekend.

### **Rev. Vincent Toal**

Deacon Vincent Toal, currently serving in St Joseph's Tollcross and an erstwhile parishioner of St Thomas's will be ordained to the Priesthood at 6.30pm on Monday 19 March in St Andrew's Cathedral. Please pray for him.

### **Mass Intention Envelopes**

Could the names of Intentions please be printed in block capital letters as there's been a few cases where we haven't been able to read the Intention. Thank you.

### **Lourdes Fund Committee**

Fr Neil would like to meet with this group on Tuesday 6 February in St Thomas's church house, in order to find out what they do and to support the great work they have been doing over the years.

I would like to discuss how we send people to Lourdes this year and

I invite the parishioners to make recommendations and suggestions for people who have never been to Lourdes before and would love the opportunity to go.

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

If you are over 18 and feel you would be able to assist in this Ministry of Care or you know someone who you think would be ideal in this Ministry, please make yourself known to Fr McGarrity.

### **Inspire Evening**

A café-style event that brings together live music, poetry, spoken word, visual artists and more. BYOB. Tickets £5. Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm. To book: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or email [info@agap.org.uk](mailto:info@agap.org.uk). Tel: 0141-552-5527.

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### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

#### **Sunday 4 Third Sunday of the Year**

*Mass Intention: The Parish*

#### **Monday 5 St Agatha**

*Mass Intention: Joseph Robertson*

#### **Tuesday 6 St Paul Miki & Companions**

*Mass Intention: Special Intention*

#### **Wednesday 7**

*Mass Intention: Sheila Ward RIP*

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### **PARISH DONATIONS**

27.01-28.01.2017

**St Thomas's**  
**£990**

**St Bernadette's**  
**£519**

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### **Thursday 8**

*Mass Intention: Isobell McLarn RIP*

### **Friday 9**

### **Saturday 10 St Scholastica**

### **Sunday 11 Sixth Sunday of the Year**

*Mass Intention: The Parish*

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### **Appointment Times**

If you require an appointment with Father Neil please contact the parish secretary on 0141 770 7542 or email him on: [parishpriest@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk](mailto:parishpriest@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk)

### **Baptisms**

Anyone requiring Baptism please contact Fr McGarrity, 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 McGarrity if you intend to marry in the Church. The Archdiocese requires 6 months notice.

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### **INTENTIONS**

#### **Those sick at home or hospital**

Anne Baillie, Joseph Robertson and all the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

#### **Recently Dead**

Sheila Ward, Isobell Queen McLarn, Greta Entrican

#### **Anniversaries**

Elizabeth Convery

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