

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

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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

Advent

Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

Pope Benedict XVI

These words of Pope Benedict are apt on this second Sunday of Advent as we light our second purple candle on our wreath to mark our onward journey to welcome Jesus's birthday on Christmas Day and his coming again in glory. This year there will be one vigil Mass of Christmas for the Parishes of St Bernadette and St Thomas and this will take place in St Thomas Church, commencing with carol singing at 8.30 pm & Vigil Mass

of Christmas at 9 pm. (Please note no Midnight Mass). As Pope Benedict says above we are rehearsing the great history of memories. What better way to do that than all coming together strongly in faith, celebrating in love and reaching out in Hope. Of course this involves sacrifice and an openness to change which is not easy. We recognize that. Nevertheless we are called to forge ahead and open new doors to newer things.

Masses on Christmas morning remain the same in both Parishes: St Thomas 9 am & 10.30 am and 12 noon in St Bernadette. Please pass on these times to others. To ensure that we are duly prepared for this great rehearsal please note that both choirs are asked to come together in the church on Wednesday 14 December at 7 pm –

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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.

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all Choir Members please attend – to prepare the Christmas Vigil.

Thank you

The Month of the Holy Souls concluded last Wednesday on the Feast of St Andrew. We celebrated a beautiful Mass – many thanks to all who came along and enjoyed the grace and the social get together. Thanks also to those who served and tidied up, it was much appreciated.

Parish Mini-bus

The bus is available to bring older parishioners to Mass. Sadly it has stopped now on Saturdays due to a lack of helpers. On Sunday we have two couples who alternate weekends collecting/taking home parishioners for the 10.30 Mass. Another few drivers and helpers would be a great help. It does take a commitment but if we can make it once a month for drivers/helpers that would be a bonus. If you are interested please speak to Fr McGinley

CTS Stall at St Thomas's

New titles in stock. Come and browse! Please make use of the stall and purchase its goods.

New Gift Aid Envelopes.

Those signed up to this scheme please uplift your new envelopes from the back of the Church.

Have you considered signing up for Gift Aid? If you make a donation to

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Thursday 8 December

Mass at 7pm. See entry in Week Ahead section for more details.

Christmas Eve

There will be a Joint Christmas vigil this year in St Thomas's for both parishes. Carols at 8.30 pm followed by Mass at 9 pm. There will be no Mid-night Mass this year.

the parish by cash, cheque or standing order it's possible to increase the value of the donation by an extra 25%. Contact Fr McGinley if you're interested. Thanks to all those who currently contribute in this way.

Christmas Cards

Please visit both stalls at St Bernadette's & St Thomas's to browse our selection of new Christmas cards and other gifts now in stock.

St Nicholas Care Fund

Please take home a St Nicholas Care Fund box. There will also be a collection next week on Caring Sunday.

RCIA

The next session for our Christian initiation is Monday 5 December. The theme 'What is the Meaning of the

Mass?' Chapel House, 7-8pm (ish). Anyone who is thinking of joining the Catholic Church please speak to Fr McGinley.

East End Deanery Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday 18th December 7.00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Riddrie Glasgow In Aid of Marie Cure Cancer Care. Tickets are priced at £5 and available from Mark the Organist or any of the Parish Choir members. Tickets can be purchased after all the masses.

Boxing Show

There will be a boxing show in St Thomas's Hall on Friday 17 February next year. Tickets are priced £15.00 and are on sale now. This is a major fundraiser for the Parish. Please think of supporting this night.

Cluster Event: Hour of Prayer for Peace

As we enter into the season of Advent and prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace. The St Jude's and St John Ogilvie's Justice & Peace group invites you to join them in an hour of prayer for peace. given the daily news reports of war, killing, violence and persecution in Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Sudan, Pakistan and so many more countries we invite the parish to come together and pray together for peace in our world. the hour of prayer will take place on Wednesday 7 December at 7.30 pm in St Jude's Church.

WEEK AHEAD

TUES. 6

Reception & Requiem Mass
for Mary Anne Clark **10 am (St T)**

We pray for her family: Linda, David & Alan and all her extended family

Reception of the remains of
Margaret McMahon **6.30 pm (St T)**

WED. 7 *Memorial of St Ambrose*

Requiem Mass for
Margaret McMahon **10.00 am (St T)**

We pray for Margaret's family. Daughters Bridget & Margaret and sons John & James and her late son Owen.

THU. 8 *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass **7 pm (St T)**

On this feastday we will celebrate a 'Rorate Mass'. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honour, white

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vestements are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honour the Light of the World, who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. The Blessed Virgin Mary was in the very centre of the first Advent two thousand years ago, representing the world's longing for the promised Messiah. Come along and join our prayers to make this Advent truly active, spiritual & deep. You may wish to take candles or lanterns with you.

FRI. 9 *Optional Memorial of St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

Born in Mexico in 1474. While walking on 9 December 1531 the Blessed Virgin appeared to him on Mount Tepeyac, asking that a shrine be built. As a sign, she left a miraculous portrait of herself on St Juan Diego's Tilma.

INTENTIONS

Those who have died recently

John Gray, Colman John Walsh,
Theresa Devlin, Mary Rose Walker &
Mary Ann Clark

Anniversaries

Jean Coleman, Annie Jack,
William Paterson, Theresa Henretty,
Sr Rose Swan OSF, Robert Hunter,
Edward Boyle Snr, William Welsh,
Fergus Welsh
