

**Fifth Sunday of the
Year (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

Parish Statistics 2016

Each year, the Archdiocese asks us to send in the Statistics for the Sacraments in every parish. In St Thomas's there were 25 Baptisms in total, only 10 of which were to Catholic parents who were validly married (and only 1 of a child under 1 year old). Five people were received into the Church during the year. Thirty-one children received First Holy Communion. There were 5 marriages in total and 40 deaths in the parish. At November a census of Mass Attendance was taken and 417 people were noted as attending (this is out of an estimated Catholic population of 1400).

St Bernadette's saw 6 baptisms during the year, 15 First Holy Communions and one wedding. The November census had 120 people attending Mass. There were twenty deaths in the Parish during the year.

Catholic Education Sunday

Education Sunday this year is on February 19. There will be a Special Collection that day for Catholic Education. In addition, children from St Thomas's Primary, St Mungo's & St Andrew's High Schools will attend the 10.30am Mass and assist with

the liturgy. There will be a brief talk about Catholic Education following Communion. Pupils should be encouraged to attend this Mass and to wear their school uniforms.

St Nicholas Care Fund

There is a letter in the porch from the St Nicholas Care Fund detailing the work they've been able to do due to our donations, please take a look.

Priests for Scotland

In the porch in the newsletter for Priests for Scotland, who promote vocations to the Priesthood. Please pick one up and take a read.

First Holy Communions

Mass Attendance cards for St Thomas's and St Bernadette's are be-



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.



ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Forty Hours

This year's Forty Hours devotions at St Bernadette's are being moved back a week. They will now commence on Sunday 5 March and conclude on Tuesday 7 March.

Morning Mass 20-24 February

There will be no 9 am morning Mass at St Bernadette's from Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February.

ing given out for the new year to encourage children who are preparing for their First Holy Communions to attend Mass with their families.

Parish Minibus

The bus is available to bring older parishioners to Mass. Please ask Fr McGinley for details.

Ten Years of Lentfest

Please pick up a Lentfest Guide and support our Archdiocesan Arts Project by attending some of the events during the programme which runs from 1-16 April 2017.

White Mass

The Annual White Mass for health-care professionals and the work of healthcare in Scotland will take place in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh on 12 February 2017.

A reception with Archbishop Cushley will follow in the Cathedral's Camino Café. To book spaces and for info email scottishcma@gmail.com.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild has started back after the holidays – Monday afternoons 1.30–3.30pm.

Women's Monthly Dance

This month's dance is on Monday 6 February from 1.30–3.30pm.

RCIA

The next RCIA meeting will take place on Monday 13 February from 7–8.15 pm at St Thomas's Presbytery. Continuing our discussion of the Sacraments we will next week discuss the Sacrament of the Sick.

Stall at St Thomas's

Please browse the Parish stall for a wide variety of cards such as Mass Bouquets, Mass for Anniversaries and Mass Cards for the Dead. The stall also has a wide range of devotional items and CTS pamphlets.

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Primary 3 children from St Thomas School who are Baptised will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 27 March (Not on the 20th as lettered) at 7 pm. A general meet-

ing will be called and parents will be informed before this. The Sacrament will be taking place the penitential season of Lent.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This will take place on Saturday 6 May at 10.30 am. Whilst meetings may be called beforehand, the place to meet the faith community is every Sunday with your child at Holy Mass.

MASS OFFERINGS

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, it embraces the entire human family, both living and dead. It is not limited to one person or one intention. The benefits of each Eucharist are infinite and include the whole world.

Nevertheless, as Catholics, we believe that there is inestimable value in 'having a Mass said' for a particular intention. This refers to holding up to the Lord a special intention in addition to the intentions that are included in the celebration of every Eucharist: the Holy Father, the Diocesan Bishop, the clergy and 'the entire people your Son has gained for you'. These special additional intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving; for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common,

for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayer are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. Often people request a Mass as a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their experience of God's loving grace helping them through a particularly challenging event or circumstance of life.

If you do wish to have a Mass offered, new Mass Offering envelopes are now available at the back of the Church.

PARISH DONATIONS

28 & 29 January 2017

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
Other £382	Other £250
GAD £353	GAD £195

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass times are as usual. See the front of the Bulletin for details.

MON. 6 Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions

Ss Paul Miki and his companions were martyrs, killed at Nagasaki, Japan, in 1597 during the first wave of persecutions in that country. The six Franciscans, 17 Franciscan Tertiaries, and three Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

FRI. 10 Memorial of St Scholastica

St Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode nearby, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after.

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

All the sick of the parish

Those who have died recently

Angela Paterson, Eileen Forrest, John Remblance, John Amato, Joe McGowan & Norah Boyle

Anniversaries

Michael Kirk (30th), Philip & Catherine Fitzpatrick & Agnes Boyle
