

Second Sunday of
Advent (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

The Captain's Table

This season is the most counter-cultural in our calendar. When I was on holiday I was astounded by the number of houses that already have Christmas trees and some houses completely covered with lights and decorations in preparation ... but preparation for what? Christmas doesn't wait for something, it waits for someone!

The crib will be completed along with the figures and Christmas trees next Sunday after Mass.

The crib will come down (so you know) on the Feast of the Epiphany (Sunday 7 January 2018) and any help to do this would be most appreciated.

Let's not miss the the rich and joyful time that the Christmas season brings by thinking it suddenly ends after Christmas day – and it also means you can send Christmas cards and exchange gifts right up until the Epiphany!

Gaudete Sunday

Next week is the Third Sunday of Advent, 'Gaudete' Sunday. It is also known as *Bambinelli Sunday*. *Bambinelli* is the Italian for 'figurines'. The tradition was started by

Blessed Paul VI in 1969. Since then, the blessing has been given by the Pope during the Angelus in St Peter's Square – people bring the baby Jesus from their Cribs at home and the Pope blesses them. I am doing something similar and I will bless the baby Jesus' from your cribs (or your cribs if they're small) on Gaudete Sunday (after all masses). Please invite your children to bring the figures up – although you are welcome to bring your own.

We will also put up our Christmas trees after 10.00 am Mass and again I'd like to invite you all to come along and help with the decorating. This year we will have two tall trees on either side of the sanctuary in the Church and one in the house facing onto Cumbernauld Road.

Extra Ordinary Ministers

I would like to meet with all our Extra Ordinary Ministers that are currently in active ministry, especially to discuss how best to minister to our homebound elderly. If you would be kind enough to come along for a short meeting (no more than an hour), on Wednesday 13 December at 7pm.

Poinsettias

The poinsettia is the somewhat beautiful plant with green leaves, symbolizing the wood of the crib and in same way the wood of the garden of Eden – the red leaves

symbolizing the blood of the cross by which we are saved. We are going to fill the Sanctuary with them this Christmas and you will have the opportunity to purchase one in memory of a loved one. They will be available in the week before Christmas. Full details to follow.

Attendance Cards for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Cards are now available for children preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please have your child bring it each Sunday when they attend Mass for the priest to sign.

First Reconciliation

I would like to invite parents of First Reconciliation children to a meeting on Monday 22 January 2018 in St Thomas' Church at 7 pm.

The Nativity (BBC film)

The East End Deanery has arranged a showing of the BBC film The Nativity tomorrow, Monday December 11 at 7pm in St Thomas's Hall. The event is free and you're warmly encouraged to come along. Tea, Coffee and Juice. Families are most welcome!

East End Deanery Choir Christmas Concert

The Annual East End Deanery Choir Christmas Concert is next Sunday at 7pm in St Thomas's. Tickets

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

From the Captain –

Christmas Trees

We will be putting up two five foot real Christmas trees in the sanctuary as the space is too small for more. We will put these up next week after Sunday Mass. Any help decorating would be appreciated.

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Christmas Fair

Thanks to those who stayed for the Fair last week and to those who donated the lovely gifts. Almost £600 was raised for parish funds. £110 was also raised for the church foodbank.

are priced at £5 (pay at the door) and are in aid of the H.C.P.T (Children's Pilgrimage Trust).

Special Collection

There will be a special collection next week for the St Nicholas Care Fund.

Christmas Concert

Join St Andrew's Cathedral Choir and special guest Michelle McManus on Thursday 14 December at 7 pm for a carol concert in aid of the Mungo Foundation. Free entry.

St Thomas's Justice & Peace

Wish to thank to everyone who has contributed to the fund over the past

year. This year, donations were made to St Francis's Leprosy Guild (£400), Franciscan Kenyan Project (£500) and SPRED (£400).

Christmas Lunchtime Recital

There will be a recital on Saturday 16 December at St Aloysius's Church, from 1.30–2.30 pm given by the St Aloysius's Singers. Donations welcome for the Renovation fund.

Day of Confession

Popular in recent years, the Cathedral has arranged again for the Sacrament of Confession to be available all day (7.45 am–5.45 pm) in St Andrew's, Clyde St on Tuesday 19 December.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention: The Parish

Vigil Reception of

Anne McCoid..... 6 pm (St T)

Monday 11 Pope St Damasus

Mass Intention: Anne McCoid

Requiem Mass for

Anne McCoid..... 10 am (St T)

Tuesday 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass Intention: Thomas Clarke RIP

Mass with School 10 am (St T)

Patron of the Americas. Today recalls the apparitions in December 1531 to St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatocatzin on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City.

Wednesday 13 St Lucy

Mass Intention: Roseleen deBonis RIP

Desiring to remain consecrated to Christ alone, St Lucy was martyred in the year 304 in Sicily during the persecution of Diocletian. She is the patron saint of the blind.

Thursday 14 St John of the Cross

Mass Intention: Frank McGroarty

Vigil Reception of

Alexander King 6 pm (St T)

Priest and Doctor of the Church, St John, 1542–91, was a Carmelite who despite opposition and imprisonment worked for the reform of his order. A man of prayer and a notable poet, he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926.

PARISH DONATIONS

02.12–03.12.2017

St Thomas's
£1158

St Bernadette's
£488

Friday 15

Mass Intention: Alexander King

Requiem Mass for

Alexander King 10 am (St T)

Saturday 16

Vigil Mass Intention: Joseph Kelly RIP

Sunday 17 Gaudete Sunday (III Advent)

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

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.

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

Betty McKinley and all the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

Recently Dead

George Tait, Patrick McLaughlin, Anne McCoid, Alexander King

Anniversaries

Edward Boyle Jnr, Frank McGroarty, Betty Walsh. Helen, Sam & Pauline Harrison
