

**Laetare Sunday
(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

Gas Bill

We just received our quarterly gas bill which covers the Church, the House and hall and at £3,178.02 we need to make some drastic measures to stay afloat. The house needs a new boiler and it will cost around £3500 (I'll put that off as long as I can). Simply put: We don't have it. Unfortunately, this means we need to cut the heating in the Church and the house. I'll keep it on Saturday and Sunday for Masses, but it will be off in the house completely and no heating for weekday Masses. This means Mass will be short.

I have been suggesting since I arrived more is going out from the hall than what is coming in and we're basically paying for the groups that use the hall and have done so for some years it would seem. Clearly, this cannot continue and once the new financial year begins, the hall hire will rise significantly. If we don't begin to balance the books we may need another change.

As the bills are currently outstanding we also owe special collections from before September last year, this means we cannot pay the current ones and leaves us financially inviable. I'm sure you realise we need to do something to get us back on track.

The weekly collections allow the parish to function, but any outstanding bills are not covered by that.

Monday night Scripture & Thursday night adoration

We will cancel these as we can't have them in the Church with the heating off. Perhaps I'll do them over autumn when it's warmer. Again apologies for any inconvenience but we need to tighten the belt as they say.

SCIAF Sunday

Today's second collection is for the work of SCIAF. If you could please send your SCIAF Gift Aid envelopes directly to SCIAF rather than giving them to us we'd be most grateful. If you could please bring your Wee Box to the Holy Thursday liturgy you can hand it in then as part of the service.

Second Scrutiny

Please remember Louise and Joanne in their second scrutiny this week.

Vincent Toal

Deacon Vincent Toal will be ordained to the priesthood on the Feast of St Joseph (March 19) at St Andrew's Cathedral at 6.30 pm. Please pray for him.

Safeguarding Co Ordinator

I am very grateful to Barbie Jordan for agreeing to become the parish coordinator for St Bernadette's. I am

working on one for St Thomas's and will provide more details when completed.

Mass of the Feast of St Patrick

There is no Mass in St Thomas's or St Bernadette's on the Feast of St Patrick (17 March) as it falls this year on a Saturday, however there will be a Mass celebrated at St Andrew's Cathedral, at 11.30 am by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. Due to large numbers expected, please come early if you require a seat.

Pilgrimage to Knock & Loch Derg

Marian Age Pilgrimages are running a pilgrimage to Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal on Monday 2-Friday 6 July. Knock and Loch Derg: £285. Knock and Donegal: £375. To book or for further information please contact Daytime: Anne on 0790 187 3259 or anne.doherty61@hotmail.co.uk or Evening: Liam on 0141 569 1982 or liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com.

Lourdes

We are still looking for one more person to join the three who were supposed to go last year. If you know of someone who might be interested or who would benefit, please let me know.

You can do this privately too as sometimes people get embarrassed and don't want a fuss and we must respect that too. We are also helping to send two young people but I'll let you know more about that in the next

few weeks. In the meantime, could those who have been invited to go please collect a booking form from me. I have provisionally booked four places, in the hope that we get one more.

Day of Confessions

Priests will be available all day from 7.45 in the morning to 5.45 in the evening on Thursday 22 March at St Andrew's Cathedral on Clyde St to hear confessions.

Lenten Reflection

There will be a Lenten Reflection for Teachers and School staff this coming Wednesday (14 March) at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Glasgow St Patrick's Festival 2018

Highlights of the St Patrick's Festival this year include:

On Tues 13 March there will be an IRISH QUIZ NIGHT at Sweeney's on the Park 7:30pm.

Wednesday 14 March: Maeve MacKinnon (Scotland) & Diane Cannon (Ireland) - The Bungo, Strathbungo at 8pm.

Sat 17 March: Mass at St Andrews Cathedral, 11:30am & FAMILY FUN DAY (Free!) Merchant Square from 12-5pm.

Sunday 18 March: Mass (in Irish) at Blessed Dun Scotus Church, Gorbals at 2pm.

Info: 07866453708 or visit www.glasgowstpatricksfestival.co.uk for a list of all the events happening.

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Collection for the Sisters

Last week's collection for the Franciscan Sisters came to £446. Many thanks for your generosity.

St Bernadette's Housebound

A donation of Easter Eggs would be most welcome for our extraordinary ministers to distribute to our housebound parishioners. Christian Easter Egg cards would also be welcome. Please write 'from the parishioners of St Bernadette's' in the card before handing it in.

Easter Raffle

Tickets for the Easter Raffle will be available next week.

Brother Paolo of Taize

Brother Paolo of the Taize Community will be at St Margaret's, Sinclair St, in Clydebank tomorrow (Monday 12 March) evening to lead a prayer service at 7 pm. The service will be followed by a reception.

EAST END DEANERY

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you are looking to understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation more fully please come along to the last of the sessions run by the East End Deanery. The last session on Friday 23 March, 7pm-9pm will offer the

opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament. At St Joseph's Tollcross.

Your parish stalls

The new issue of Flourish is out and available at the back of the Church. Please make use of the stalls in both parishes. They're both well stocked with Devotional items, Sympathy and Get Well Cards.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2018

Sundays

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

ST THOMAS'S 4.00pm

Mondays

Morning Prayer

ST THOMAS'S at 6.30 am

Wednesdays

Tridentine Mass according to the 1962 Missal

ST THOMAS'S at 7 pm

Fridays

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

ST BERNADETTE'S 7.00pm

PARISH DONATIONS

03.03-04.03.2018

**St Thomas's
£752**

**St Bernadette's
£299**

Alms for the Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese

£204

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 11 March Laetare Sunday

Mass Intention: The Parish

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction 4 pm (St T)

Monday 12

Mass Intention: Marion Johnstone RIP

Tuesday 13

Mass Intention: Special Intention

Wednesday 14

Mass Intention: Davie Rushbury (sick)

Mass (1962) 7 pm (St T)

Thursday 15

Mass Intention: Anne Devine RIP

Friday 16

Mass Intention: Frank Hughes RIP

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction. . . 7 pm (St B)

Saturday 17 St Patrick

Vigil Mass Intention: Special Intention

Sunday 11 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention: The Parish

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

Anne Baillie, Lynn Palmer and all the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

Recently Dead

Mary Chisolm, Anne McGeogh, James Creaney & Susan Cooper

Anniversaries

Elizabeth & Andrew Convery, Michael Fitzsimmons, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Lilia McGinness (5th), Mary Stafford, Agnes Mulrooney (2nd)