

**Sixth 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

Catholic Education Sunday

We will celebrate Education Sunday this year on February 19. There will be a Special Collection that day. In addition, children from St Thomas's Primary, St Mungo's and St Andrew's will attend the 10.30am Mass at St Thomas's and the 12noon at St Bernadette's and assist with the liturgy. Pupils should be encouraged to attend this Mass and to wear their school uniforms.

Catholic Education Week

'At a time where leadership and change within education is being shaped for the next generation, and when 'shared values' are proposed as the starting point for learning, we are mindful that the Truth does not change because the Truth that we profess is Jesus Christ. Indeed, the distinctive identity and purpose of the Catholic school is in fact 'Christ the Perfect Man, [where] all human values find their fulfilment and unity'.

I encourage schools to keep sight of Him when forming their vision, aims and values. I urge parishioners and former pupils of Catholic schools to speak out positively on

behalf Catholic Education to those who would seek to diminish our role or remove the positive contribution that Catholic schools make to our Scottish society. I invite you all to play an active role in your local Catholic schools as dynamic members of a community of faith and learning.'

From Archbishop Tartaglia's letter on the occasion of this year's Catholic Education Week.

Holiday 18–25 August

St Jude's have offered 5 places on a holiday to Trocheague House, Girvan, which is run by the Jericho Brothers. Two of these places have already been taken, so there are 3 available. Cost is £65 inc. travel, (sharing). Please speak to Sr Francesca if you're interested.

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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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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.

Beetle Drive

In aid of the Franciscan Kenyan Project will be held on Tuesday 28 February at 7pm. Tickets £3. Raffle, Tea etc. Tickets on sale after Masses.

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Lourdes: Summer 2017

Each year we try and identify parishioners who would like the experience of going to Lourdes. Last year 4 parishioners had a wonderful pilgrimage. This year we can offer 4 places. If you are in need of medical assistance you will be taken care of from home to Lourdes itself and there can be hospital accommodation provided to make your stay more comfortable. If you are in this category we would need to know by the last week in February. For others wishing to go please approach Fr McGinley or members of the Lourdes group: Tommy Flannery,

Gerry Kinnear, Andy & Isobel Duffy. We rely on the help of your donations to the 100 club £1 to help our fund-raising. You can join at the back of the church each week. And there is a draw for you to win. Next meeting 16 February 10.30 am Chapel House.

Ten Years of Lentfest

Pick up a Lentfest Guide and support our Archdiocesan Arts Project by attending some of the events in the festival which runs from 1–16 April.

Women's Guild

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

RCIA

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

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Primary 3 children

St Thomas's: Monday 27 March 7pm.

St Bernadette's: Tuesday 28 March 7pm.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

St Thomas's: Saturday 6 May 10.30 am.

St Bernadette's: Saturday 13 May 10.30 am.

Whilst meetings may be called, the place to meet the faith community is every Sunday with your child at Holy Mass. Parents who took these promises for their child at Baptism have the ultimate responsibility to bring their children up in the faith. To deliberately miss Mass is a mortal sin, an offence against Christ and his Church. We, as a faith community encourage our parents and children to join us each Sunday.

MASS OFFERING ENVELOPE

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.

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 is more beneficial and comforting than a other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. Offering a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. Of

ten people request a Mass as a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their experience of God's loving grace helping them through a particularly challeng-

ing 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

MON. 13

Requiem Mass for
Joseph McGowan 10 am (St T)
Reception of
Kathleen McEleney 6.30 pm (St B)

**TUES. 14 *Sts Cyril & Methodius*
Honoured as apostles of the Slavic
peoples and Patrons of Europe.**

Requiem Mass for
Kathleen McEleney 12 noon (St B)

THU. 16

Reception of
John Amato 6.30 pm (St T)

FRI. 17

Requiem Mass for
John Amato 10.00 am (St T)

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: **PARISH DONATIONS** :
: **4 & 5 January 2017** :

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

Stall at St Thomas's

Take a look at the stall for a wide variety of cards such as Mass Bouquets, Mass for Anniversaries and Mass Cards for the Dead. There's also a wide selection of CTS pamphlets.

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital
All the sick of the parish

Those who have died recently
Kathleen McEleney, Rose Lynch,
Bridie Sullivan, Angela Patterson &
Helen (Watt) Miller, John Amato.
Joseph McGowan

Anniversaries
Jim Quinn, Mary & Walter Boote,
Helen McCrorie (3rd), Elizabeth
Hughes, William Honan, Warren
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Mass Bouquet
Betty McGinley
