**THIS WEEK’S NOTICES**

**Second Collection**
Over the next three Sunday’s of August (13, 20 & 27) there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Parish. Please be aware.

**Welcome**
We welcome Fr Thomas McCart CSsR of St Mary’s Monastery in Kinnoul to our parishes. He will be celebrating Mass for us today and for the following week.

**Altar Servers Needed**
Parents who wish to present their child as an Altar Server, please approach Fr McGinley

**Holyday of Obligation**
Please note for your diary that Tuesday 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times as follows

- **9 am** St Bernadette’s
- **10 am** St Thomas.

*Joined by our schoolchildren from St Thomas who return to school today.*

- Four Extra-Ordinary Ministers needed on this day.
- **7 pm** St Thomas
  *For those returning from work.*

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**ST THOMAS’S & ST BERNADETTE’S**

**Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)**

Father John McGinley (PP)
& Sr Francesca Wilson

Presbytery (0141) 770 7542
Convent (0141) 778 9105
Web www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk
Email parishpriestmcsin@yahoo.co.uk

Bulletin submissions to be emailed to bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk

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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

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The Archdiocese of Glasgow is a Designated Religious Body, Charity Number SC 018140
Consecration of Scotland to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary/National Pilgrimage

On this year, the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Blessed Lady at Fatima, Scotland's Bishops will consecrate Scotland to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will take place at Carbín Grotto on Sunday 3 September at 3 pm. To prepare for this event, Bishop Keenan has provided a list of prayer intentions and activities in the forty days leading to the Consecration. You can find this list at the back of the Church. Please take one.

A bus will be made available on the day. There are lists at the back of both churches; please put your name down for a place on the bus. The bus will pick people up at St Thomas’s at 2 pm and St Bernadette's at 2.05 pm. If you wish to go please append your name on the form in the Porch by 28 August.

ST BERNADETTE’S NOTICES

Foodbank
The St Bernadette’s foodbank needs to be replenished with foodstuffs and toiletries.

Flowers
Many thanks for donation for flowers.

will pick people up at St Thomas's at 2 pm and St Bernadette's at 2.05 pm. If you wish to go please append your name on the form in the Porch by 28 August.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers
Monday 28 August, 7–9pm at Archdiocese of Glasgow Eyre Hall.

Who should attend?
Training is compulsory for Parish volunteers (SSVP, Extraordinary Ministers) who work with children and/or vulnerable adults and who have NOT previously attended relevant Safeguarding training provided by the Catholic Church.

Aims of the training
To introduce Parish Volunteers to:
• The concept of Safeguarding and its implications in a church context.
• The responsibilities of the Parish Volunteer and the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
• A basic understanding of recognizing, responding and reporting abuse/concerns

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.
• Practical provisions for working safely with children/adults at risk
  
  *Length of training*: 2 hours

Those who intend to attend training please sign the form at the back of the Church.

**Ven. Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage**

The National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17 September from 2pm (Mass 4.30pm: Preacher Fr Richard Reid CSSR), St Patrick's Church, 5 South Gray's Close, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Has been re-ordered by the Archbishop to Primary 7 age. The Archbishop will celebrate The Sacrament here in St Thomas on Monday 13 November for children of St Thomas & St Jude’s Parishes, the children being from St Thomas Primary 7 Our Lady of Peace Primary 7, 59 children in all. A programme of catechesis and preparation has been established for Parents /Sponsors and children and will begin after the children return to school in August. This is to let Parents know and be aware of the forthcoming Sacrament to be celebrated for your child. Any Parents whose children attend other schools should approach Father McGinley ASAP.

**St Margaret’s Children & Family Care Society**

Are looking for adopters. We pride ourselves on being a specialised

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**Financial Matters**

With the reducing of Mass times, there will inevitably be an impact on Finance and contribution given to both Parishes. We thank you for your continual upkeep of your parishes financially which is one of the Commandments of the church. This falls of course on the people who come. At the moment we have one collection at each Mass, sometimes a second collection for the Diocese (forthcoming collections see below). We thank those who are gift-aided to the Parish, those working or have pensions whereby we are able to claim back on what you contribute (a real easy way to make extra income). Nevertheless we need to take a real serious look at what we contribute to the Parish. For too long we have maybe thought of the church as worth a pound or two. How much is my membership for a season book? My Bowling club fees? How much do I spend on concerts or going out? One way to look at it is in a scriptural sense where God’s people gave a tithe, a tenth of income or you could give the first hour of your working week.
adoption service and encourage you to take a look at our most recent inspection report at www.careinspectorate.com. Have you ever considered adoption? Could you give a loving, stable home to a child who has suffered abuse or trauma? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please visit our website: stmargaretsadoption.org.uk for more information or call 0141 332 8371 and speak to our duty worker.

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

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MON 14 AUGUST St Maximilian Kolbe**
To love God with all your heart and soul implies a care for justice and a love for others. St Maximilian Kolbe embodied this love for God to the point of giving his life out of love for others, like Christ himself.

**TUES. 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Today is a holyday of Obligation

Today’s gospel focuses on the honour due to Mary as the one who accepted God’s choice. She is the one who treasures God’s word in her heart, and for whom God has done great things.

- Mass 9 am (St B)
- Mass 10 am (St T)
- Mass 7 pm (St T)

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**INTENTIONS**

**Those sick at home or hospital**
Eileen Adaya, Dorothy McGuiness & all the sick and housebound of both Parishes

**Those who have died recently**
Rose Patterson & Mary Duffy

**Month’s Mind**
Lily McCall (1 month)

**Anniversaries**
Edward Heaney, Marie Ferguson, Hugh & Mary McMahon

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**PARISH DONATIONS**
5 & 6 August 2017

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**Birthday Mass Bouquet**
James Traynor (80th Birthday)