

**Feast of St Mungo
(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

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

Last week I had a visit from Sr Louise, the Provincial of this Order, who unfortunately has to reappoint the Sisters currently based in St Bernadette's. Since the Order own the house in St Bernadette's it will be their responsibility to assess how best the house will be used in the future. In the meantime, Sr Francesca and Sr Rose will be reassigned to two different locations within the Archdiocese that best serve the Order's needs. This will take place around 2 April this year. I think it would be appropriate if we had a Pastoral Council meeting in order to plan a presentation evening and farewell to the Sisters. In the meantime, please keep the Sisters in your prayers.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 January at 7 pm in St Thomas's Church house. Apologies for the short notice but we do have to discuss Lent, Easter, the Diaconal Ordination of Andrew McGowan and also discuss the imminent departure of the Sisters.

RCIA

Sr Francesca has kindly asked that she continues to help with the RCIA.

I am delighted she is able to do so, but in order to facilitate a smooth transition, all RCIA meetings will now take place in St Thomas's Church house beginning this Monday 15 January at 7pm. Sister will be very welcome to join us.

Funerals

While we can never tell you which Funeral Director to work with, I do have to tell you that some are less helpful than others. It is my experience that smaller, family run businesses or those with a specifically Catholic ethos, e.g. T&R O'Brien, offer what I would probably describe as a 'proper Catholic funeral'. If you would like to ask me about this privately I will be more than happy to do so. One example of this is the extraordinary costs for an Order of Service. We will soon be able to provide this service as part of our Funeral liturgy preparations at a significantly reduced cost.

Installation

Just a wee reminded, Archbishop Tartaglia will be installing me next Sunday at 10 am Mass in St Thomas's and 12 noon Mass in St Bernadette's. Although the canonical installation has already taken place it will be nice to welcome the Archbishop for a more formal ceremony.

Lourdes Fund Committee

I'd like to meet with this group

on Tuesday 6 February in St Thomas's church house, in order to find out what they do and to support the great work they have been doing over the years. I would like to discuss how we send people to Lourdes this year and I invite the parishioners to make recommendations and suggestions for people who have never been to before and would love the opportunity to go.

Special Collection

Thank you for your donations for the work of Justice & Peace Scotland last week. It came to £366 (St Thomas's) and £194 (St Bernadette's).

Flu Epidemic

We have been advised by those in the medical profession to postpone Communion under both kinds (i.e. the Precious Blood from the chalices) and also the sign of peace while this flu bug continues to decimate the population.

Extraordinary Ministers

If you are over 18 and feel you would be able to assist in this Ministry of Care or you know someone who you think would be ideal in this Ministry, please make yourself known to me.

All those involved in Ministry

All those involved in any ministry in St Thomas's need to complete an up-to-date PVG form. Fr will provide

the forms in the New Year. Please make a point of seeing him.

Mungo in our Midst

The Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project are arranging an Art Exhibition called 'Mungo in Our Midst' as part of the St Mungo Festival at Glasgow Cathedral, the paintings of Sarah Bookless, a parishioner of St Bernadette's, will be part of the Exhibition along with other Artists' paintings.

20-40 Network Events

Aged 20-40? Would you like to meet some fellow young Catholics? 'Networking at the Museum' is on 20th January at Kelvingrove Museum, 2pm-4pm. 'The Quiztastic Quiz of the Year' is on 3rd February in the function room of Blackfriar's bar in the Merchant City, 1pm-5pm. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one. We're also on Facebook at facebook.com/2040network.

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THE FEAST OF ST MUNGO

Saint Mungo, also known as Saint Kentigern, lived from around 528 to 13 January 614. He is the patron saint and founder of the City of Glasgow.

He was given the name Mungo, meaning something like 'dear one', by St Serf, who ran a monastery at Culross. At the age of 25, Mungo

began his missionary work on the banks of the River Clyde. Here he built his church, close to the meeting of the Clyde and the Molendinar Burn.

It was here that Mungo died on Sunday 13 January 614. He was buried close by his church, and today his tomb lies in the centre of the Lower Choir of Glasgow Cathedral, possibly on the actual site of his grave.

St Mungo was said to have performed four miracles, referred to in the poem:

*Here is the bird that never flew
Here is the tree that never grew
Here is the bell that never rang
Here is the fish that never swam*

In the first, he is said to have restored life to the pet robin of St Serf, which had been killed by some of his fellow classmates in Culross, hoping to blame him for its death. In the second he used branches of a tree to restart a fire at St Serf's monastery that had gone out because Mungo had fallen asleep while he was meant to be watching it. The third relates to a miraculous bell he brought back with him from Rome. And the fourth involved the story of Queen Languoreth of Strathclyde being accused of infidelity by her husband who alleged she had given her wedding ring to her lover when, in reality, the king had himself thrown it into the river. Facing execution, the Queen appealed to St Mungo, who ordered a servant to catch a fish from the river.

When the fish was cut open, the ring was found inside, demonstrating the Queen's innocence.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 14 St Mungo

Mass Intention: The Parish

Vigil Reception of

Grace Skivington 6 pm (St T)

Monday 15

Mass Intention: Evelyn Conroy RIP

Requiem Mass for

Grace Skivington 10 am (St T)

RCIA Meeting 7 pm (St T)

Tuesday 16

Mass Intention: Wilma McQuade RIP

Requiem Mass for

Wilma McQuade 10 am (St T)

Pastoral Council Meeting 7 pm (St T)

Wednesday 17 St Anthony, Abbot

Mass Intention: Sheila Ward RIP

Mass with the School 10 am (St T)

Thursday 18

Mass Intention: Elizabeth McKenna RIP

Requiem Mass for

Elizabeth McKenna 9 am (St B)

Vigil Reception of

Peter Markey 6 pm (St T)

Friday 19

Mass Intention: Peter Markey RIP

Requiem Mass for

Peter Markey 10 am (St T)

PARISH DONATIONS

06.01-07.01.2017

St Thomas's
£850

St Bernadette's
£387

Saturday 20

Vigil Mass Intention: Constantine Kelly RIP

Sunday 21 Third Sunday of the Year

Mass Intention: The Parish

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

All the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

Recently Dead

Phil Carberry, Marie Cairns, Jim Donaldson, Barney Devenney & Peter Markey

Anniversaries

Daniel McMay (1st), Nancy Fitzpatrick, Donald Kane, Thomas McAdam (2nd), Mary Kennedy, Andrew Ure, Angela Paterson, Andrew McAroy
