

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
(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

Dear Parishioner

Following on from last week bulletin announcement regarding the rationalisation of masses it is good to reflect on some of the strengths and weaknesses of parish life with view of asking the questions of how we can improve once our new Mass times begin.

St Thomas 418 attending

- Strong Vigil Mass with Music and attendance preceded with opportunity of Confessions.
- Seeds of new young families
- Willing team of Extra-ordinary Ministers who visit the Sick/ Housebound.
- Good Parishioners
- No children's Liturgy at 10.30 Mass on Sunday's
- Few Readers.
- Choir (Numbers dwindling)
- 1 organist to cover all Masses.
- Lack of Altar Servers.

St Bernadette

- Vigil: No music, low numbers.
- Strong Commitment though lower numbers attending
- Good level of young people involved in children's liturgy, reading and serving.

- Danger of liturgical introversion.
- Strong SSVP
- Good social events.

The rescheduling of Mass times will provide opportunities to create other activities around the Sunday which you may not be aware of when you come and go from Mass i.e Catechesis, Holy Baptisms, Parishioners speaking with clergy & Sister, choir practice, SSVP Meetings and much else.

The new Mass times would be:

5.30 pm – Vigil at St Thomas's

10 am – St Thomas's

12 noon – St Bernadette's

These times will begin on Pentecost Sunday 4 June and the Mass times will be bedded in during the summer months of July & August which is a quieter time within parishes due to holidays.

These are just some aspects of Parish life and it is clear we need to move forward making use of the gifts and talents of the Parishes but not being afraid to change and plan for the years ahead. The Eucharist is ordered to its mission to unite and to sanctify. It is important to remember that we don't come as guests to God's house in the sense of having everything done for us. We are emboldened to be the Hosts who welcome people,

console the bereaved, pray for others, participate and be the Church.

Fr McGinley

First Communion children

St Bernadette's and St Thomas Children in Primary 4 have now received their First Holy Communion over the last two Saturdays. What a wonderful experience and beautiful Masses. Congratulations to all our children and to their Parents and families. Thanks goes to our Teachers, Sr Francesca, Ladies of the Parish, Musicians and all who ensured a most noble Liturgy and celebration.

An invitation will be sent out to our children to join together on Pentecost Sunday and walk from St Thomas to St Bernadette to come together and enjoy a barbeque and receive their certificates, leaving St Thomas at 3 pm. Open to all the Parishes. More details to come.

Special Collection

The second collection this week is for the Ecclesiastical Students of the Archdiocese.

Deanery Catechesis

The next meeting will be at St Marks's, Shettleston on Thursday 18 May at 7–9 pm. Entitled 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14: 1–12), the theme is Baptism & Confirmation. Refreshments available

There has been a great response to this catechesis. Come along and see?

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

St Bernadette's SSVP

If you know of any housebound people who would like a visit from our Conference members, please give their names and addresses to any of our members.

Monthly Lottery

Congratulations to Agnes McEwan who won April's £50 prize.

Centenary of the Apparitions at Fatima

Saturday 13 May was the Centenary of the Apparitions. Two of the children whom Our Blessed Lady appeared to at Fatima, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, will be canonised on 13 May, exactly 100 years to the day from the first Apparition, by the Pope in Fatima. About 1 million pilgrims are expected to attend.

Weekend Retreat to Dalmally

This Corpus Christi weekend (Friday 16 to Sunday 18 June) there will be a weekend retreat to Craig Lodge in Dalmally. The weekend of Adoration, will include a Eucharistic procession and a healing service.

The cost is £100. Please don't let a lack of money stop you coming though. Talk to Fr McGinley if it's a problem.

There are lists at the back of the Church to help us plan transport.

RCAG Youth's 'The Summit'

Packed with talks, workshops, activities & Holy Mass, RCAG Youth's The Summit, is happening at Blessed John Duns Scotus on 14 May and the 11 June from 2-5pm. Take a look at facebook.com/RCAGYouth for more info.

Holyday of Obligation

Please keep in mind that Ascension Thursday is on 25 May and is a Holyday. Masses: St Bernadette's 9am, St Thomas'a 10am with Children and St Thomas 7pm.

St Margaret of Scotland Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage to Dunfermline in honour of St Margaret is on 11 June. There are lists at the back of both churches to gauge interest.



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.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Masses times in both parishes are as normal throughout the week.

SUN. 14 MAY

Reception of
Mary Stewart 5.30pm (St T)

MON. 15 MAY

Requiem Mass for Mary Stewart
(Celebrated by Fr Gerry Hamill,
May's nephew) 10 am (St T)

TUES. 16 MAY

Reception of
Elizabeth McGivern 6.30pm (St T)

WED 17 MAY

Requiem Mass
for Elizabeth McGivern 10am (St T)

**PARISH DONATIONS
06 & 07 May 2017**

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| St Thomas's | St Bernadette's |
| Other £404 | Other £332 |
| GAD £266 | GAD £263 |

Have you considered signing up for Gift Aid? It's possible to increase the value of the donation by an extra 25%. Contact Fr McGinley if you're interested.

FRI. 19 MAY

Reception of
Isa McKenna 6.30pm (St T)

SAT. 20 MAY

Requiem Mass
for Isa McKenna 9.00 am (St T)

Celebrants at Vigil & Sunday Masses:

5 pm (St T) Fr Brendan Murtagh
6.15pm (St B) Fr Stephen Dunn

SUN. 21 MAY

9 am (St T) Fr Brendan Murtagh
10.30 am (St T) Fr Brendan Murtagh
12 noon (St B) Fr Stephen Dunn

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

Eileen Adaya, Anne Mendes ,Frances Topping, Pat Bestow.

Those who have died recently

Rose Healey , Nick Holmes. John McDonald, May Stewart, Elizabeth (Bessie) McGivern, Isa McKenna, Gerald Quinn

Anniversaries

Andrew O'Donnell, Andrew Thompson, Jemima Thompson, Patrick Doherty, Luke & Harriet Conlon.
