

Second 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

### Justice and Peace Collection

We raised £267 in St Bernadette's and £430 in St Thomas's last week for the Archdiocese's Justice and Peace work. Many thanks.

### First Communions

Mass Attendance cards for St Thomas's and St Bernadette's are being given out for the new year to encourage children who are preparing for their First Holy Communions to attend Mass with their families.

### RCIA

The next RCIA meeting will take place on Monday 16 January from 7–8.15 pm at St Thomas's Presbytery. We will be opening our discussion on the Sacraments of the Church at this meeting.

### St Mungo Festival 11-19 January

The Festival is a series of free events celebrating St Mungo and his city, Glasgow. See [facebook.com/st-mungofestival](https://www.facebook.com/st-mungofestival) for details of events.

### Glasgow Phoenix Choir

Glasgow's Phoenix Choir are having a concert in St Andrew's Cathedral on Clyde St on Saturday 28 Janu-

ary at 7 pm. The concert will be in aid of the Cathedral's Organ fund.

**CTS Stall at St Thomas's**

New titles in stock. Come and browse! Please make use of the stall and purchase its goods.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

The Liturgy of the Word for Children Primary 4–Primary 7 children at the 10.30 & 12 Masses whereby the children gather together for readings and catechesis before joining us for the prayer of the Mass. If you wish to help please speak to Father or after Masses.

**Parish Minibus**

The bus is available to bring older parishioners to Mass. On Sunday we

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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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have two couples who alternate weekends collecting/taking home parishioners for the 10.30 Mass. One person has kindly offered their help but more drivers would be very much appreciated! If you are interested please speak to Fr McGinley.



**THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION – Part 1**

At times, it may be hard to believe that our Lord can make the community we know, full of faults and shortcomings, into his Body. Yet this is what we proclaim to be true as we prepare to say *Amen* before the Body and Blood of Christ.

Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. A communicant receiving in the hand removes gloves, if any, and holds up the hands to receive with the left hand cupped and open, supported by the right (a left-handed person rests the right upon the left).

As the communicant approaches and stands in front of the minister, the minister holds up the host and the communicant bows the head to Christ truly present in the Eucharistic elements. The minister says, ‘The Body of Christ’. The communicant audibly responds ‘Amen’ as an expression of belief in the real presence of Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, who gives life to the believer. These words should not be altered;

they are the universal ritual practice for Catholics throughout the world. Christ's invitation to partake of his body and blood is an invitation to enter into intimate friendship with the Lord, through sharing in the mystery of his passion, death, and resurrection.

The minister places the Eucharistic bread in the palm of the hand, and the communicant carries it to the mouth with the other hand. We do not reach out and take the host from the minister; we never take communion, but always receive it. The host is always consumed immediately upon receiving it; we do not move to return to our place before doing so.

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## **THE FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**

**Tuesday 17 January**

Saint Anthony (1195–1231) was born Fernando Martins de Bulhões in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, at that time the capital of Portugal.

Following his ordination to the priesthood, he felt a longing to join the newly founded Franciscan order who had settled nearby. He eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join them. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony.

## **ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES**

### **St Bernadette's Food Bank**

The Sisters' charity food stocks are very low and any tins or other non-perishable foods would be most welcome. Thank you in advance.

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After travelling some years Anthony ended up in the hermitage of St Paul in Tuscany. Some time later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would present the homily. The Dominicans were known for their preaching, thus the Franciscans assumed it was they who would provide a homilist, but the Dominicans assumed the Franciscans would provide one. It was then the head of the Franciscan hermitage asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit told him to speak of.

Though he tried to object, Anthony delivered an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups.

In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony, yet so simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, even the unlettered and the innocent could understand. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946.

Once, when he attempted to preach the true Gospel of the Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he

went out and preached his message to the fish instead. This was not for the instruction of the fish, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. When critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should maybe also listen to what Anthony had to say.

He was only thirty-six years-old when he died on 13 June 1231 and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the 'finder of lost articles'.

**PARISH DONATIONS**

**7 & 8 January 2017**

<b>St Thomas's</b>	<b>St Bernadette's</b>
<b>Other £600</b>	<b>Other £225</b>
<b>GAD £360</b>	<b>GAD £208</b>

Have you considered signing up for Gift Aid? If you make a donation to the parish by cash, cheque or standing order it's possible to increase the value of the donation by an extra 25%. Contact Fr McGinley if you're interested.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MON 16**

Requiem Mass	
for Daniel McKay	9.00 am (St B)
Mass	10.00 am (St T)

**TUES. 17 Memorial of St Anthony**

Mass	9.00 am (St B)
Mass	10.00 am (St T)

**SAT. 21 Memorial of St Agnes**

*St Agnes was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome in the early fourth century. She is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is often shown with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs.*

Marian Devotions	9.30 am (St B)
Marian Devotions	10.30 am (St T)

**INTENTIONS**

**Those sick at home or hospital**  
Flynn McIver & Phyllis Smyth

**Those who have died recently**  
William Rock, Daniel McKay & Elizabeth (McGrory) Kelly

**Anniversaries**

Andrew Ure, Mary Kennedy, Gerard Smith, Des McLean, Elizabeth McGrath, James Adams (1st) & Thomas MacAdam