

**Third Sunday of Easter
(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

First Communions

Just a reminder to the parents of First Communion children, to make sure they are at Mass over the next few weeks, as necessary information about the big days will be given either in the bulletin or in the announcements at Mass.

We have a professional photographer who will take individual pictures of the children as they receive communion without detracting from the solemnity. Paul is the official photographer for the bishops of Scotland and is used to working under the direction of priests at Mass etc, Once Mass is over, there will be a group picture with the children, Fr Neil, the primary HT and the class teachers. The price of the individual pictures will be £6.00 and the group picture will also be £6.00 - payable in advance.

We will also be encouraging the P4 children who attend Mass to become Altar servers, once things settle down again. I would also like to invite the children to return (with their families), to Holy Mass on the Sunday (the next day), dressed in their first communion wear and we will congratulate them as a parish.

More details next week.

Millport

Sincere thanks to all those from St Thomas's who took part in the Millport sponsored cycle to help raise some money towards the new parish boiler and for those in St Bernadette's who cycled to raise some parish funds. As promised the weather was lovely, perhaps not a heat wave but still lovely! All those who took part had a great day and for me personally it was a brilliant day out and a great opportunity to get to know parishioners from both parishes. We had about 30 in total and the children, I think enjoyed it the most. I would hope to repeat the day in August before the schools go back. Sponsor money is now due and thanks to the parishioners who sponsored the initiative

EAST END DEANERY

Celebrating the Church's Ministry of Forgiveness and Healing

Over the Thursdays of Eastertide members of the East End Deanery will present a series of evenings on the Church's Ministry of Healing and Forgiveness. This week's session is here at St Thomas's on Thursday evening from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Please join us. More information on leaflets as you leave the church.

Medieval Polyphony Concert

The choir 'Iuchair' will be performing a concert of music by Perotin, the 13th century composer on Saturday 21 April in St Andrew's Cathedral,

Clyde St. Tickets are £10 (£5 concessions) and are available by contacting 0141 530 1421 / tickets@yokermusic.scot

Vigil for Vocations

There will be an evening Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood on Friday 20 April from 7.00–9.00 pm in St Conval's, G53 5NT.

Bishop Robert Barron

Bishop Barron, whom you may have watched on youtube or elsewhere on the Internet, is coming to speak at the Usher Hall in Edinburgh on Thursday 6 September at 7 pm. Please take one of the cards at the back of the Church for more details and pass one on to anyone who might be interested.

Schoenstatt Trip for both parishes

I know it's a bit early, but I've taken the liberty of booking Schoenstatt near the Campsies for a wee day out! The date I originally gave (Monday 23 July) is sadly unavailable, but I've been in touch with the nuns and another day will soon be arranged to go there.

We will cancel the morning Masses in both parishes and take a bus to the retreat centre for Mass some devotions and lunch. Anyone is welcome and with it being Summer I would hope families with children will come too!

A sign-up sheet will be available by the end of June.

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Forty Hours Devotion

40 hours Exposition will begin after 12 noon Mass in St Bernadette's. On the tables in the gathering area, there will be a sign-up sheet available after for people to volunteer to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday devotions will close with Benediction at 5 pm: Fr McGarrity

Monday 16 April, Feast of St Bernadette – Morning Mass 9 am followed by exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Church will be open based on the number of people signing up.

Monday night – Holy Hour 7.00 pm: Fr Dunn – The Sacraments

Tuesday 17 April Morning Mass 9.00 am – followed by exposition of the Blessed sacrament. Church will be open based on the number of people signing up.

Tuesday Night – Holy Hour 7.00 pm: Fr McGarrity – The Life of St Bernadette. Finishing with prayers for healing. End of 40hrs.

St Vincent de Paul Concert

On Friday 18 May in Woodside Halls. Please see poster in porch. Tickets £12 from Conference members in both parishes.

Possible Race night

Some of the men in our Men's Guild (Confraternity of the Sacred Heart), have suggested we have a race

night in the hall after Easter sometime to raise some funds for the parish. I am grateful to them for this initiative and more details will follow. However, can I take this opportunity to encourage any of our men to come along on Thursday Evening to the parish hall. There is pool, dominos and a good bit of banter. I don't manage every week, but I try to go every second week when possible.

Lourdes

We now have four volunteers going to Lourdes from the parish, which I am delighted to see. We are also sending money to partially support 2 young people from the St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group. If you are not sure what they do you'll find out in due course I have invited them to come and share some insights into their work in Lourdes. I have also asked that they try and select two young people from the East end of the City. Any young person over 18 in our own parishes interested in going with this wonderful group should come and see Fr McGarrity to find out more.

SVDP – Hamper

I believe there was a hamper somewhere in the Church that was used to collect food for the foodbank cupboard, which is operated by our SVDP. I would like to restore that hamper and encourage you to bring along some tinned or packet foods for the cupboard as we are running a

bit low and I'm sure it wouldn't take too long to restock it. From what I see it's teabags, tinned beans, soup and anything you think would be suitable for emergency food. In the meantime, if you bring it, Terry will store it. Many thanks.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 15 April Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intention: The Parish

Opening of the 40 Hours Devotion in St Bernadette'safter 12 noon Mass (St B) Benediction..... 5 pm (St B)

Monday 16 St Bernadette

Born on January 7, 1844 in Lourdes, France. She received several visions from the Virgin Mary starting in 1858. Lourdes emerged as a pilgrimage site for worshippers from around the world. She died on April 16, 1879 and was canonized as a saint in 1933 by Pope Pius XI.

Holy Hour.7.00 pm (St B)

Tuesday 17

Mass Intention: Jessie Devlin

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Wednesday 18

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PARISH DONATIONS

07.04-08.04.2018

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
£1417	£654

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

Thursday 19

Mass Intention: Alexander Murray RIP

Friday 20

Mass Intention: Jessie Devlin

Saturday 3

Vigil Mass Intention: George Clare RIP

Sunday 4 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Anne Baillie, Simon Linn and all the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

Recently Dead

John Watson, Mark Henderson

Anniversaries

Frank & Cathie Reilly, Mary Graham, Elizabeth Cairns, Brian McNeil, Edward Gallagher (1st).

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Mass Bouquet

Kevin McGoldrick (80th Birthday)