

First Sunday of Lent (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

Apologies & Congratulations

Apologies again for no bulletin last week as our man in starship control had a new baby arriving over the weekend and was otherwise engaged with his wife giving birth to a lovely baby girl! Congratulations to Colin and Helen and big sister Lottie; baby Genevieve and mum are doing well.

LENT 2018

There are several different services throughout Lent that will help us grow in our spiritual lives. They are quite varied and should give us different options.

Mondays

Morning Prayer

St Thomas's at 6.30 am

For the insomniacs and early risers! There is Morning Prayer, led by members of the Neo Catechumenate, to which everyone is welcome, I'm going to go at least once a week if I can – Remember all sacrifice comes with a price!

St Thomas's 6.30–7.30pm

Jesus was a master story teller. The scriptures are the stories of our ancestors – we continue their stories

in our lives. Come and learn about the extraordinary adventures from the garden of Eden to the garden of gethsemane – with all the heroes and villains in between. We begin our journey in the book of Genesis where we discover a book that has no comparison anywhere. Similar creation narratives always involve our questionable parentage coming from warring gods in the heavens, cosmic fall out, if you will, nothing more. Not so in Genesis. It begins with a formless void and then God ignites the spark that unfolds a tale more magical than Harry Potter and when we come to the book of the Apocalypse (Revelation), we'll find out what " 'appens to wizards like 'arry". This will take place in the Church and if numbers are small we will move to a more suitable location.

Wednesdays

Tridentine Mass according to the 1962 Missal

St Thomas's at 7 pm

Many of our seasoned parishioners will remember the distant prayers of the Old Rite: *Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam* – I will go unto the altar of God To God, who giveth joy to my youth" The 'the Old Latin Mass' as it is called in Glasgow, focuses on rubrics, mystery bells and incense. Few Masses compare with its pageantry and ceremonies. Every Wednesday of Lent at 7.00pm in St Thomas's Fr

Dunn will offer a Low Mass at Our Lady's altar. Please note reception of communion at this Mass is kneeling, if possible and only on the tongue. However, it's a beautiful, profound and mysterious part of our history. I suggest if you've never seen one, come at least once just to witness a little piece of antiquity.

Thursdays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession

St Thomas's 7–8 pm

Remembering that the Holy Eucharist was instituted on Holy Thursday suggests that Thursdays are perhaps the ideal time to offer adoration of the Blessed sacrament with Confessions between 7–8pm

Fridays

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

St Bernadette's 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross and Benediction (Ideal time for our altar servers to learn how to serve benediction).

Help with Confession in Lent

This Lent there will be a series of three evenings in St Joseph's, Tollcross on successive Fridays (23 February, 2 and 9 March) to help people understand the meaning and purpose of this Sacrament. On the first two evenings there will be Catechesis on what Confession is and some helpful discussion about how

to approach the Sacrament with confidence as well as an opportunity to share ideas and experiences. This Catechesis will take place on Friday 23 February at 7pm and Friday 2 March at 7pm.

Each of the first two evenings will focus on preparing us for the Sacrament of Confession. On the third evening all the priests in the Deanery will be available to hear Confessions for approximately 2 hours. You, however, will have the freedom to come for the beginning of the service, have your confession heard, then leave.

Can I really encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity as this will act as our Lenten penitential service. For those of you who prefer a different type of Confession, I will put confessions on during Holy Week, so that everyone has the opportunity to get to Confession.

Neo Catechumenate Way and Boiler Issues

In the last 4 months the neo catechumenate has contributed around £900.00 to support heating and lighting costs in the hall and in the church. I am very grateful for their contributions. Talking of contributions, I am afraid some of our finances will need to go on a new boiler for the house. There is no service history prior to 2016 but it has basically packed in. It will cost in the region of £3500 to have it all replaced. In the

meantime, if anyone has an old hot water bottle I could borrow ha (just kidding). I use mostly oil filled radiators in the house which are cheaper to run.

Finances

In the next few months I will begin the process of identifying a finance council which will have visibility on all the accounts of the parish and the running of projects. Anyone at anytime can come and ask to see the finances. I am more than happy to show you where we are spending and on what.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Please remember Joanne and Louise today as they join all the catechumens and candidates as they are written into the book of the elect and accepted as candidates for the sacraments. You will be introduced to our two candidates and their families at 10.00am Mass today of their Lenten journey.

Revd Vincent Toal

Deacon Vincent Toal will be ordained to the Priesthood at 6.30pm on Monday 19 March in St Andrew's Cathedral. Please pray for him.

40 Days for Life

This year's 40 days for Life begins on 14 February and concludes on March 25. The location for the Vigil

is outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (off Shieldhall Road) and will last from 8 am–8 pm daily. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com/Glasgow.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 18 First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention: The Parish

Monday 19

Mass Intention: Jim Cavanna RIP

Bible Study 6.30 pm (St T)

Tuesday 20

Mass Intention: Special Intention

Vigil Reception for

Marian Johnstone 6 pm (St T)

Wednesday 21

Requiem Mass for

Marian Johnstone 10 am (St T)

Mass (1962) 7 pm (St T)

Thursday 22 The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

Mass Intention: Margaret Finnegan RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
with Confessions. 7 pm (St T)

Friday 23

Mass Intention: Robert McConnell

Stations of the Cross followed
by Benediction 7 pm (St B)

Saturday 24

Vigil Mass Intention: Neil McGlennon RIP

Sunday 25 Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention: The Parish

PARISH DONATIONS

10.02–11.02.2018

St Thomas's **St Bernadette's**
£1066 **£552**

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, Tommy McConkey, Jessie Devlin and all the sick & household of both Parishes.

Recently Dead

Marian Johnstone, Nancy McGrath, Margaret Finnegan, Donald MacLeod, Neil McGlennon, Mary Hughes, Ellen McGowan, Jim Cavanna, Alexander Murray, George Clare, Peter Markey

Anniversaries

Agnes Boyle, P. McCartney, James Quinn, Joseph McCartney Jnr, Madeline McCartney, Mary McCartney, Nancy Harris, Morag McCartney, Mary O'Connor, Joseph Smyth (5yrs), Tom+Cathy McCall