

Seventh 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 Thomas's 10 am
(please note, there is no weekday Mass at
St Bernadette's this week).

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

Catholic Education Sunday

Today is Education Sunday. There will be a Special Collection. This is a diocesan collection. In addition, children from St Thomas's Primary, St Mungo's and St Andrew's will attend the 10.30am Mass at St Thomas's and the 12 noon at St Bernadette's and assist with the liturgy. We thank our teachers for all they do in transmitting and handing on the gift of faith as well as educating our children. Thanks to our children who take part today.

Lent 2017

The Season of Lent is not far off. Ash Wednesday is the 1 March and we hope to provide a Lenten Leaflet next week in anticipation of this Holy Season. Please look out for it. It will contain an invitation to journey through the 40 days.

Lourdes: Summer 2017

Following our latest meeting 16th February there has been 3 people who have expressed interest and been approached in the hope of going on this pilgrimage, with a further sponsorship to a young person who is going as a helper. We have another

space if anyone else wants to express a wish to go please approach Fr McGinley or members of the Lourdes group, Tommy Flannery, Gerry Kinneary, Andy & Isobel Duffy. We rely on the help of your donations to the 100 club £1 to help our fundraising. You can join at the back of the church each week. And there is a draw for you to win. You will be part of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage so plenty of events and people around you.

Holiday 18–25 August

St Jude’s have offered 5 places on a holiday to Trocheague House, Girvan, which is run by the Jericho Brothers. Two of these places have already been taken, so there are 3 available. Cost is £65 inc. travel, (sharing). Please speak to Sr Francesca if you’re interested.



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.



RCIA

The next RCIA meeting will take place on Monday 27th February from 7pm-8.15pm at St Thomas’s Presbytery. The theme will be Sacrament of Holy Orders

Cremation in the Catholic Church

A short extract from the recent Instruction from the Vatican regarding the proper practices surrounding cremation of the deceased in the Church is available in the porch. Please pick one up and take a read.

Ten Years of Lentfest

Pick up a Lentfest Guide and support our Archdiocesan Arts Project by attending some of the events in the festival which runs from 1–16 April.

Women’s Guild

The Women’s Guild has started back after the holidays – Monday afternoons 1.30–3.30pm.

Priests for Scotland

In the porch in the newsletter for Priests for Scotland, who promote vocations to the Priesthood. Please pick one up and take a read.

Stall at St Thomas’s

Take a look at the stall for a wide variety of cards such as Mass Bouquets, Mass for Anniversaries and Mass Cards for the Dead. There’s also a wide selection of CTS pamphlets on various subjects to do with the Faith.

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Morning Mass 20–24 February

There will be no 9 am morning Mass at St Bernadette's from Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February.

Forty Hours

The 40 Hours will take place on Sunday 5 March to Tuesday 7 March. Please put your name down for a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the 40 Hours devotion. A sheet will be left in the meeting area for this purpose. It is important that at least one person is present at all times over the period of the 40 Hours.

Beetle Drive

In aid of the Franciscan Kenyan Project will be held on Tuesday 28 February at 7pm. Tickets £3. Raffle, Tea etc. Tickets on sale after Mass.

Food Bank

The food bank is now full and so no further donations are needed until further notice.

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Primary 3 children

St Thomas's: Monday 27 March 7pm.

St Bernadette's: Tuesday 28 March 7pm.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

St Thomas's: Saturday 6 May 10.30 am.

St Bernadette's: Saturday 13 May 10.30 am.

Whilst meetings may be called, the place to meet the faith community is every Sunday with your child at Holy Mass. Parents who took these promises for their child at Baptism have the ultimate responsibility to bring their children up in the faith. To deliberately miss Mass is a mortal sin, an offence against Christ and his Church. We, as a faith community encourage our parents and children to join us each Sunday.

MASS OFFERING ENVELOPE

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, it embraces the entire human family, both living and dead. It is not limited to one person or one intention. The benefits of each Eucharist are infinite and include the whole world.

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving; for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayer is more beneficial and comforting than a other

sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. Offering a Mass on the occasion of a

THE WEEK AHEAD

There is no morning Mass at St Bernadette's this week.

THU. 23 *The Chair of St Peter*
On this Feast, we celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of his successor, the Pope.

Reception of the remains
of Ruby Gillan 6.30 pm (St T)

FRI. 24
Requiem Mass for
Ruby Gillan 10.00 pm (St T)

Ruby died peacefully in hospital after a short stay, devotedly looked after by her nieces for many years at home. Thanks to Nancy Robertson (Extra-Ordinary Minister for faithful visits). Ruby was 99 years old and lived her faith and said her prayers to the very end. May she rest in Peace.

PARISH DONATIONS	
11 & 12 February 2017	
St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
Other £410	Other £218
GAD £345	GAD £251

birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. Often people request a Mass as a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their experience of God's loving grace helping them through a particularly challenging event or circumstance of life.

If you do wish to have a Mass offered, new Mass Offering envelopes are now available at the back of the Church.

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital
Elizabeth Hughes, Edward Gallagher, Gerard Kinnear, Theresa Sutherland & all the sick of the parish

Those who have died recently
John Amato, Ruby Gillan & Isa Hamilton

Anniversaries
Helen McCrorie (3rd anniv.), Joseph Smyth (4th) (Canada), Mary Boote, Walter Boote, Marjorie Cairns (1st anniv.), Michael O'Brien, Clare McElhone, Catherine Shearer & Marcello DiTono (1st anniv.)

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Mass Bouquet for Diamond Wedding
Gerry & Maureen Kennedy

Mass Bouquet
Sarah Friel (100th birthday)
