

**Thirty-Third Sunday  
of the Year (Year A)**

Father Neil McGarrity (Parish Priest)  
Presbytery (0141) 770 7542  
[www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk](http://www.st-thomastheapostle.co.uk)  
[parishpriest@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk](mailto:parishpriest@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk)

Bulletin submissions can be emailed to  
[bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@st-thomastheapostle.co.uk)

Sr Francesca Wilson  
Convent (0141) 778 9105

.....  
**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

*The Captain's Table*

**Confirmation**

We had a full house and standing room only for Confirmation. The Archbishop was very pleased and sent me a very warm message about an hour after the event to say so. The children of course were the real focus as they carried out their jobs with dignity and reverence. I am also grateful to Mark O'Neil our organist and also to the East End deanery choir for their contribution. It's always uplifting when possible to have a choir at these events.

We also managed to commit the Archbishop to come back next year for a special Mass to celebrate 100 years of Catholic Education. He also reminded me that he needed to come back anyway and install me formally as Parish priest, which I hope we can do early in the New Year, depending on his schedule.

I am particularly grateful to our Head teacher, Mrs Parkinson from St Thomas' primary school and her staff who helped plan prepare and teach the Confirmation programme. With me only arriving in September, I have not managed to be in more than once a week but I hope to improve that commitment

and begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion very soon.

I will begin with a letter to the parents, which I'd like to get out next week. This will remind parents of their responsibility in bringing the children to Mass and the card system which I believe worked very well will begin again pretty soon. I am already very encouraged with the positive response I've had in meeting the parents. Their children are really a credit to them, the parish and the school

### **Security**

I wanted to keep to share a few thoughts with you. I decided that while I am away that we would close the Church after morning Mass. I announced it last week and also to the people at morning Mass and no one voiced an opinion, Usually, that means people agree and recognise the common sense, safety approach.

However, I am also aware that for years the Church has managed quite well, although there has been several minor incidents and break-ins, more recently with the paschal candle being stolen.

When I'm home, if people would like it open again I'm happy to do so although, I would be happier to wait until CCTV is installed, but again, I'm happy to go with your own experience.

### **Lighting on St Thomas the Apostle and the Christ figure on outside Church wall**

This week should see a new light on Jesus and St Thomas. As you drive or walk up Cumbernauld road, it should be quite bright. This new light has a different colour function so it can reflect the different seasons - purple during Advent and red and green over Christmas as well as the standard white. It will also be cheaper to run than the current light fitting.

### **Comboni Fathers and Mill Hill Fathers**

I'm delighted to welcome both religious priests to the parish for two school masses. The Feast of St Margaret of Scotland, which we celebrated last Wednesday and the forthcoming feast of St Andrew. These Feasts are school Masses and the children will prepare the liturgy. I hope the visiting priests will enjoy the children and the teachers who always put so much work into these occasions.

### **Extra Ordinary Ministers**

I would like to meet with all our Extra Ordinary Ministers that are currently in active ministry, especially to discuss how best to minister to our homebound elderly. If you would be kind enough to come along for a short meeting (no more than an hour), on Wednesday 13 De-

## ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

*From the Captain –*

Sincere thanks to Sister Francesca in preparing the children for Confirmation who were outwith the Cluster, for whatever reason. I think everyone enjoyed the Confirmation and our children were very much involved in the service.

With all the changes I'd like to meet with our Extra Ordinary Ministers before Christmas, so we can tease out a plan to visit the sick and cover the gaps that may appear in the near future. Could I invite you to meet with me in the Church on Thursday 14 December at 7pm. This meeting will last approx one hour at the most. I would like to find out who is doing what and help support our lay ministers as much as I can. I will offer training in the New Year for some new ministers as I think we will need them

We have a plumbing firm coming this week I believe to pump out the water from the basement and tackle some of the other issues we have down there too (see previous Bulletins for the full story!). The other necessary works will begin soon.

### **Christmas Fair**

Please stay after Mass on Sunday 26th November for our Christmas Fair. The proceeds will go into the parish funds. There will be a tearoom, bottle stall and gifts. Raffle tickets will also be on sale over the next few Sundays and hopefully drawn at the Fair.

### **St. Bernadette's SSVP**

The St Bernadette's St Vincent de Paul invite you to Christmas Lunch in the Gathering Area on Tuesday 28 November at 12.30pm. Please put your name on the list in the Gathering area if you would like to come.

---

ember at 7pm in the Church. We can tease out a plan to help us move forward together and while I remember - thank you for your service to the parish and to the sick.

### **Mass times at Christmas**

It seems that everyone (almost) is happy enough with the 5.30 Christmas Eve Mass proposal. With that being the case, we will try it this

year and see how it works. That means Christmas Eve in St Thomas' will be at 5.30pm and Christmas Day Mass will be at 10 am. Details of this will follow.

### **Mini Bus Drivers**

I wanted to thank those who drive our infirm and elderly to Mass on a Sunday, this is a huge commitment on their part and I am very

grateful as are the Sunday Morning passengers! May I encourage others to volunteer their services and once you have your PVG and licence cleared you could be assisting in a very praiseworthy service . Currently there is no need for the minibus on a Saturday night for the Vigil

**Gift Aid**

The new envelopes which begin on the first Sunday of Advent are now available at the back of the Church. In the new year I will come back to you to encourage anyone who pays tax to Gift Aid to the parish.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday 19 33rd Sunday**

Vigil Reception for  
Rosa Kennedy..... 6.00 pm (St B)

**Monday 20**

Requiem Mass for  
Rosa Kennedy.....9.00 am (St B)

**Tuesday 21 Presentation of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

**Wednesday 22 St Cecilia**

**Thursday 23**

Vigil Reception for  
Ina McTaggart .....6.30 pm (St B)

**Friday 24 St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions**

**Requiem Mass for**

Ina McTaggart .....9.00 am (St B)

**Sunday 26 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus**

**Christ, King of the Universe**

.....

**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**

Blake Devlin (2yrs old), Martina Dunlop

**Recently Dead**

Charles Bannerman, Thomas Clarke, Angela Riddell, Joseph Kelly

**Month's Mind**

Francis McCulloch

**Anniversaries**

Christina McManus, Terry O'Hagan, Hugh O'Hagan, Kathleen Morrison, Elizabeth Groden, James Fitzsimons, Dorothy Fitzsimons, Francesca Fitzsimons, Christina McManus

---

**PARISH DONATIONS**

11.11-12.11.2017

**St Thomas's      St Bernadette's**  
**£1034              £375**