

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Yr C)

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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

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King and brings to a close the Liturgical year and also the close of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis, so bringing to an end the Extraordinary Year of Mercy.

Some of you may have made the journey to Rome or indeed the cluster event to the Holy Door in the Cathedral. These are signs of a willingness to journey and keep the door of Charity and Mercy open to others. Part of that Mercy is to explain in season and out of season the teachings of Christ the Son of God in whom I believe and to which the Feast day is directed too.

That belief is central to the living out of faith which we received at Baptism and which we are to guard as a treasure given by God – *I believe in God, I believe in Jesus Christ, I believe in the Holy Spirit, I believe in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I believe in the Resurrection.*

Belief and the Sacraments.

The Sacraments are there to help us and strengthen us in our Catholic Faith. In relation to our faith, if we don't use it, we lose it

The Sacrament of Baptism presumes an approach of faith to expect the child to be raised in the Catholic faith. If this is lacking through generational lapse, non-practice of the faith, not coming to Sunday Mass or not believing, then the Baptism is to be delayed and the Parents told of the reason why.

The Sacrament of Matrimony has seen an 80 percent decline in the Archdiocese with many Catholic couples' marriages invalid as they marry outwith the Faith (i.e. in hotels etc) through choice or ignorance. These being attended by other Catholics thus causing confusion in the faith,

The Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of Holy Mass, challenges us with the questions: Do I truly believe in the Real Presence of



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.



Jesus Christ whom I receive. If I truly believed I would come to be with him in the faith community at the celebration of the Lord's day.

All of the above is central to the Feast we celebrate today of Christ the King

Behold the Kingdom is here says the Lord. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Christmas Cards

Please visit both stalls at St Bernadette's & St Thomas's to browse our selection of new Christmas cards and other gifts now in stock.

SSVP Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The SSVP is hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in St Thomas's Church Hall on Thursday 24 November 2016 at 5pm.

CTS Stall at St Thomas's

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

RCIA Enquirers Meeting |Monday 21 November

RCIA is a journey for those inquiring and who may want to join the Church through Baptism or through Full Communion. The cluster Parishes have decided to carry forward a joint catechesis programme every two weeks until Easter 2018.

The second meeting of the course is at 7pm on Monday 21 November in St Thomas's Chapel House. Those

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 30

- 10 am St Andrew's Day Mass with Children
- 7 pm St Andrew's Day Mass with Buffet following.
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who attended the last meeting and anyone interested are welcome to attend.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Sunday at the 10.30 am & 12 noon Mass at St Thomas's. If you wish to assist the Parish with this please speak to Father or Katrina Vezza after Mass

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CREMATION OF THE DEAD IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Recently, the custom of cremation has again become common in the West, often for economic reasons. Cremation, in and of itself, isn't a rejection of the Christian doctrines of the soul's immortality and the Resurrection of the body. The Church insists, however, that after Cremation the ashes be laid to rest in a sacred place – a cemetery, Church or other designated area – in the same way as a burial. Reservation of the ashes in this way 'ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remem-

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

SSVP Lunch St Bernadette's

St Bernadette's SSVP invites you to lunch on Tuesday 22 November at 12.30 pm. Please see the list, menu and details in the gathering area.

St Bernadette's Monthly Draw

Congratulations to John Hughes and Mary Lynch who won the £50.00 monthly draw for October–November.

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brance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away.' (5 Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*) From this consideration the Church does not, typically, permit that the ashes are kept in one's house. Equally, 'it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewellery or other objects.' (7)

These practices might seem to answer a longing in the hearts of the deceased's family who takes them as an expression of the freedom of spirit from the body (in the case of scattering) or as a some sort of continuation beyond death of their physical closeness to a loved one (in the case of

their being preserved in jewellery). Instead, the Church proposes that the deceased's remains are interred as a whole – whether as a body or as ashes – and publicly, in sacred ground, as a subject of the Church's constant prayers to God for their soul's redemption and as a body looking forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

WEEK AHEAD

Mass times are as normal.

MON. 21 NOVEMBER

Mem. of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace. As St Francis de Sales said 'Never until then had the Divine Majesty received so excellent and pleasing a gift as the offering He received from the blessed St Joachim and St Anne.'

RCIA Enquirers Meeting **7pm (St T)**

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: **PARISH DONATIONS**
: **5 & 6 NOVEMBER 2016**
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: **St Thomas's** **St Bernadette's**
: **Other £421** **Other £243**
: **GAD £329** **GAD £160**
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TUES. 22 **Mem. of St Cecilia**

Virgin & Martyr (died c. 230 AD), patroness of music & musicians. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded.

SSVP Lunch in **12.30pm (St B)**
St Bernadette's

WED. 23

Reception & Requiem **8.55 am (St B)**
Mass for Brian Martin

THU. 24 **Mem. of St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions**

From the 17th to the 19th Centuries many Christian suffered martyrdom in Vietnam. Pope John Paul canonised 117 of these saints in 1988.

SSVP Annual Thanksgiving **5.00 pm**
Dinner (St Thomas's Hall)

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INTENTIONS

Sick

For all the sick of the parish.

Those who have died recently

Betty Walsh, James McSorley, Mandy Lynch, Kate McWilliams, Elizabeth Duffy, Hugh Kennedy & Brian Martin

Anniversaries

Sarah Kane, Edgar Kane, Terry O'Hagan, Kathleen Morrison, Margaret Dougan (10th Anniversary)
