

**Third 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 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**SPRED**

Many people who have a learning disability need extra help to enable them to play a full part in the life of their parish community. SPRED works within the Church to support parishes to welcome their learning disabled members. We work in small groups where we journey in faith and friendship together. We currently are in great need of more people to join our groups at the SPRED centre and in other parishes. The most important quality for anyone thinking of being part of SPRED is to be able to be a friend to someone and to receive their friendship in return, so it isn't difficult and it is fun. If you would like to find out what is involved in belonging to a SPRED group you will be warmly welcomed to an information evening at the SPRED centre, 20 Robroyston Road, on 31st January at 7pm. Please call the SPRED office on 770 5055 for further information, or just come along on the night.

www.spred.org.uk

Esther Munro

Esther Munro thanks Fr McGinley, the Sisters and Parishioners for the Masses, prayers and cards she re-

ceived during her illness. She is making a remarkable recovery and Mass is offered for the intentions of all.

RCIA

The next RCIA meeting will take place on Monday 30 January from 7-8.15 pm at St Thomas's Presbytery. Continuing our discussion of the Sacraments we will this week discuss the Sacrament of Marriage.

AGAP

AGAP Film and Faith Club will meet at 1pm for a Matinee and for a second screening at 7pm on Thursday 2 February at St Mungo's Retreat House, next to St Mungo's Church Townhead, 52 Parson Street, G4 0RX. This month's film is 'Unbroken' (2014). New members welcome. To-



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.



ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

St Bernadette's Food Bank

The Sisters' charity food stocks are very low and any tins or other non-perishable foods would be most welcome. Thank you in advance.

tally free! Big screen & speakers with tea, coffee and chat. Due to large numbers attending, please register your place beforehand either on our website www.agap.org.uk/events or email info@agap.org.uk or call 0141 552 5527.

Glasgow Phoenix Choir

Glasgow's Phoenix Choir are having a concert in St Andrew's Cathedral on Clyde St on Saturday 28 January at 7 pm. The concert will be in aid of the Cathedral's Organ fund.

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Primary 3 children from St Thomas School who are Baptised will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 27 March (Not on the 20th as lettered) at 7 pm. A general meeting will be called and parents will be informed before this. The Sacrament will be taking place the penitential season of Lent.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This will take place on Saturday 6 May at 10.30 am. Whilst meetings may be called beforehand, 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.

‘The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God’s holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.’

Catechism of the Catholic Church
2181–2182.

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION – Part 2

After receiving the host, the communicant may approach to receive from the chalice. They bow their head to Christ truly present in the Precious Blood, and the minister proclaims, ‘The Blood of Christ’. The communicant again responds, ‘Amen’. Recall the words of Jesus to his disciples, ‘Are you willing to drink of the cup that I am to drink?’ Receiving the cup into our hands is a gesture of faith that demonstrates our willingness to share in the cross of Jesus and become a ‘living sacrifice of praise’. In receiving from the chalice, the communicant is not to dip the host into the cup. The Norms clearly state that ‘it is never allowed’. A communicant who receives only the consecrated bread or only the consecrated wine fully receives Christ, whole and entire, given for our salvation.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES – TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

St Francis was born in Châteaux de Sales, Savoy, France, on August 21, 1567. He worked in law before becoming a priest. He was a missionary in the Chablais region and co-founded the Visitation of Holy Mary order with Jane Frances de Chantal. He also wrote Introduction to a Devout Life and in the 20th century was declared a patron

saint for writers. Francis died on December 28, 1622.

One of the best exercises in meekness we can perform is when the subject is in ourselves. We must not fret over our own imperfections. Although reason requires that we must be displeased and sorry whenever we commit a fault we must refrain from bitter, gloomy, spiteful and emotional displeasure. Many people are greatly at fault in this way. When overcome by anger they become angry at being angry, disturbed at being disturbed and vexed at being vexed. By such means they keep their hearts drenched and steeped in passion.

from *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, Chapter 9.

PARISH DONATIONS

14 & 15 January 2017

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
Other £405	Other £360
GAD £329	GAD £215

Have you considered signing up for Gift Aid? If you make a donation to the parish by cash, cheque or standing order it's possible to increase the value of the donation by an extra 25%. Contact Fr McGinley if you're interested.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUES 24 Memorial of St Francis de Sales

Mass	9.00 am (St B)
Mass	10.00 am (St T)

WED. 25 Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Reception & Requiem Mass
for Mary Marshall 9.00 am (St B)
Mass 10.00 am (St T)

THU. 26 Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus

Mass	9.00 am (St B)
Mass	10.00 am (St T)

SAT. 28 Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

Marian Devotions	9.30 am (St B)
Marian Devotions	10.30 am (St T)

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

All the sick of the parish

Those who have died recently

Anne McGowan, Paula O'Brien,
Pat Conroy, Jim Duffy, Mary Marshall

Anniversaries

Johanna-Margaret Callaghan (20th),
Mattie McLuskey, Betty Newel,
Betty Devlin, Mary McShane,
Sonny Peden, Maureen Kelly (1st),
Jack Craig, Philip & Elizabeth McRory
