

Second 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

**Welcome to Archbishop and local
Schools**

This Sunday we welcome Archbishop Philip back to St Thomas's to celebrate Sunday Mass. I'm sorry I didn't notify you sooner, but we only found out this last week that he was able to come. We also welcome the pupils and staff from St Thomas's primary with Staff and pupils from St Mungo's Academy who will assist with the liturgy today. I am very grateful to all who have helped in the planning and preparation from the various schools in the learning community.

Scrutinies

Over the next three weeks we have the 'Scrutinies' for our two girls in the RCIA. During this period the preparation allows them to grow in faith and expectation. They will also be presented with the two pillars of the Church (Dogma and Prayer), the Creed and the Our Father. Please remember Joanne and Louise in your prayers

Stolen speaker

Sadly, we had a speaker stolen from the Church in the last week or so. I had borrowed it to help improve the sound quality for cantors etc. Unfortunately, they were able to access

the Church quite easily and steal the equipment. Can I ask everyone to be more vigilant around the Church and make sure the front door is locked. Putting the snibs up is not enough, the door must be locked. When we're in a better position financially we will look at securing CCTV inside the Church to help deter future mishaps. The cost will be around £300.00 to replace the stolen speaker.

Maintenance in the hall

The ongoing maintenance of the hall will need to be addressed very soon. We must replace the outside door along the Church side of the hall as there is a 2 cm gap at the entry point, where the cold air is able to disrupt the effectiveness of the radiators; that's probably why the hall always feels chilly even when the heating has been on for several hours. I have also asked the joiner to put a door at the far end of the hall, to separate the two halls. This will save money and make the halls regulate the heating more efficiently. This will allow us to hire the halls independently and clarify usage. These doors will comply with current fire safety regulations and will also be able to be locked. This will allow privacy between the halls if necessary.

Lourdes

I am very grateful to Tommy Flannery and Gerry Kinnear who have stepped down from the Lourdes Committee. Over many years they

have committed time and effort and currently the Lourdes account has roughly £10,000 which has been raised by you over many years. Both Tommy and Gerry are dare I say feeling their age and its time to hand on the baton to new people. I would like to publicly thank them for the tremendous work they have done over the years collecting money and enabling many of you to have the opportunity to visit Lourdes.

Consequently, we will be looking to add a few members to this Lourdes committee. It is quite a commitment, but if someone is willing to take it on please speak to Tommy and he will tell you what is involved. Failing that we will use the remainder of the Money to send more people to Lourdes next year and close the account. Thereafter we would maybe do some fundraisers to help send more people to Lourdes. I am happy to hear your thoughts on this.

This year we are looking for one more person to join, George West, Frances McBride and Jean Ulivi who were supposed to go last year but for whatever reason it didn't work out.

If you know of someone who might be interested or who would benefit, please let me know. You can do this privately too as sometimes people get embarrassed and don't want a fuss and we must respect that too. We are also helping to send two young people but I'll let you know more about that in the next few weeks. In the meantime, could those who have

Sundays

Stations of the Cross with Benediction
St Thomas's 4.00pm

We had seven altar servers last Sunday! Our servers are doing really well and I'm very proud of their effort and their enthusiasm!

Mondays

Morning Prayer
St Thomas's at 6.30 am

Everyone is welcome. I enjoyed my visit with some of the Neo Catechumenate for Morning Prayer and hope to do the same next Friday. It's about an hour long so come ready to pray. Well done to those who managed to make it

Scripture Study

St Thomas's 6.30–7.30pm

Almost 30 people (from both parishes), came out for the scripture class as we began the epic journey through the book of Genesis. I was absolutely delighted with the turnout and from what I heard people enjoyed the approach. Some said they never realised how relevant this book is for us today. We even had people from Tollcross and Cranhill (don't worry they had their passports stamped to get in and out!) This week we meet Cain and Abel and hopefully Noah and the flood.

Wednesdays

Tridentine Mass according to the 1962 Missal
St Thomas's at 7pm

Low Mass according to the 1962 Missal. We had almost 20 (from both parishes), come out for this and I think most people enjoyed either reminiscing or appreciating this Mass for the first time

Again I was very pleased with the numbers and encourage you to come and see it at least once. We have ordered pamphlets, so you can follow the prayers and hopefully they will arrive soon. Please note communion is only given on the tongue in this mass and kneeling if possible.

Thursdays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
St Thomas's 7–8 pm

A good number around 15 (from both parishes), came along to this and I heard some confessions too. If you are looking for an opportunity to go to confession and spend some time in prayer. I cannot stress enough the importance of meeting Jesus in the Eucharist. The full effects of His passion are contained in the sacred host and the graces that deepen our friendship with Jesus flow abundantly in this type of prayer. Cardinal Sarah wrote recently in his new book that friendship with God is not possible without this type of ritual. This is where your faith will grow and deepen. Nothing apart from the Holy Mass enriches the soul as much or as beautifully as Adoration

Fridays

Stations of the Cross with Benediction
St Bernadette's 7.00pm

Over 25 turned out for the stations last week and I was very pleased to see a mixed group of people attending. If you haven't quite got going in Lent, this is an ideal way to focus your mind and your prayer. The passion awakens in us the thirst for faith and allows to reflect on how to stay committed for all of Lent.

been invited to go please collect a booking form from me. I have provisionally booked four places, in the hope that we get one more.

Safeguarding Co Ordinator

We are looking for someone to volunteer to be the safeguarding co Ordinator – ideally one for each parish. If you would be willing to help with this either make an appointment and come and I'll show you what is involved or speak to me. Again, if you know of someone who would have time and would be suitable please let me now, as we are required by law to have this person in place and I would really appreciate the help in making sure we are complying with all current safeguarding procedures.

Presently we have everything in place except a Co-ordinator.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 25 Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention: The Parish

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction 4 pm (St T)

Monday 26

Requiem Mass for James McGahan 10 am (St T)

PARISH DONATIONS

10.02–11.02.2018

St Thomas's	St Bernadette's
£751	£318

Alms for the Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese

£334	£196
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Vigil Reception for Anne Devlin. 6 pm (St T)
Scripture Study 6.30 pm (St T)

Tuesday 27

Requiem Mass for Anne Devlin. 10 am (St T)

Wednesday 28

Requiem Mass for Delia Brothers 9 am (St B)
Mass (1962) 7 pm (St T)

Thursday 1 March

Mass Intention: Alexander Murray RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions. 7 pm (St T)

Friday 2

Mass Intention: Jessie Devlin
Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction. . . 7 pm (St B)

Saturday 3

Vigil Mass Intention: George Clare RIP

Sunday 4 Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention: The Parish

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

Anne Baillie, Davie Rushbury and all the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

Recently Dead

James McGahan, Anne Devlin, Delia Brothers, John Duffy, Anna Connell, Marion Johnstone, Anne Devine, Frank Hughes

Anniversaries

John (Jack) Mackay (1st), Elizabeth Hughes, James O'Brien, William Groden (2nd) & Stephen Daly
