

Eighth 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

Lent 2017

A pamphlet has been produced detailing times of services and events during Lent. Please pick one up from the porch in St Thomas's or the Gathering Area in St Bernadette's.

Throughout the period of Lent the second collections in both parishes will go to the Sick and Retired priests of the Archdiocese as our Lenten Alms.

Ash Wednesday Fasting & Absintence

This Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Abstinence means that those of us over 14 years old shouldn't eat meat. Fish, however, is permitted. Fasting means that those between 18 and 60 years of age should reduce the amount of food they eat from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Lourdes: Summer 2017

We still have another space if anyone else wants to express a wish to go. Please approach Fr McGinley or members of the Lourdes group, Tom-

my Flannery, Gerry Kinnear, 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.

Joe McGowan

The McGowan family have sent a card thanking the parish for its presence, support, cards and prayers over the death of their loved one Joe McGowan.

'Wilderness'

AGAP is putting on a play in St Thomas's Hall this year called 'Wilderness' on Saturday 1 April. Please



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.



try and support this event in the parish and the work of the Archdiocesan Arts Project. Tickets are £5 and available from the Parish house.

Minibus

Please note that there will be no minibus available next weekend.

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

World Day of Prayer (3 March)

The World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical prayer movement initiated and carried out by Christian women in more than 180 countries and over 1000 languages. Every year Christians of many traditions and all ages, celebrate a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. There will be service at Carntyne Parish Church at 2 pm on the day.

POPE FRANCIS – LENT 2017

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Forty Hours

The 40 Hours will take place on Sunday 5 March (opening after 12 noon Mass to 5 pm) to Tuesday 7 March (after morning Mass to Devotions at 7pm on both days). Please put your name down for a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the 40 Hours devotion. The secretary apologises for the incorrect times on the sheet that has been in the Gathering Area. A sheet with the proper times is now there instead. 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 7 pm. Tickets £3. Raffle, Tea etc. Tickets on sale after Mass.

to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to

hear and ponder more deeply. Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

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: Sat. 6 May 10.30 am.

St Bernadette's: Sat. 13 May 10.30 am.

