

**Solemnity of Christ  
the King (Year A)**

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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

*The Captain's Table*

The Solemnity of Christ the King closes the liturgical year and we move from the Green of Ordinary time (which isn't a season, it's the time between the seasons), to the purple of Advent, the colour of a King, of royalty. The colour with which we anticipate the true King of the Universe and next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The feast this weekend is meant to focus our minds and remind us about who or what is King of our lives. Here is the conflict. The people of Israel had 39 Kings all of whom were bad. A King will tax your land produce, conscript your sons into the army and concubine your daughters. A king is always for the people of Israel as a sign of a people who have rebelled against God. So perhaps we can reflect during this Advent and ask: Is Jesus really King of my life? What am I rebelling against and why? With Thanksgiving and Black Friday over and the first fall of snow confirming winter is with us. Will we truly wait for the Emmanuel of Christmas: God-with-us and give Him our rebellious hearts to be transformed into his image and likeness.

### **Heating & Lighting**

I have asked Colin our parish secretary to give me a breakdown of the gas/electricity bills and heating costs. In the next few weeks I'd like to show you where your money is going.

The heating control panels in the hall are being put into a secure cabinet space, this week and no one will have access except those who need it. A smart meter will be built onto the existing unit and we can calculate how much heating/lighting is being used by each group and we can work out prices from there. We have changed the light on the façade of Christ and St Thomas and it seems to look a lot brighter. Again, please let me know what you think. We have also changed light in the office and hallways of the house making significant savings. There is a new basement door which already makes the house and the basement feel warmer. It also complies with health and safety regulations and was necessary expense.

### **Wood/Log Burning stove.**

I have arranged to have a Log burning stove fitted into the fireplace in the front living room of the house. I have used my own money to do this. This will mean I am only heating the room I'm in and will only use the Central heating in the morning and early evening to take the chill off the house. With three floors

this should be a significant saving. The eco logs burn long and they are cheap to buy. I had wood burners in my previous place and they save money and generally heat the house well.

### **First Reconciliation**

The date for First Reconciliation will be Monday 5 March 2018 at 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

I would also like to invite the parents to a short meeting which will be part of the preparation and an opportunity for me to meet you personally. The date for this meeting will be: Monday 22 January 2018 in St Thomas' Church at 7.00pm.

### **All night vigil in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

On Friday 8 December 2017, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, from 8.00 pm to 6.00 am at St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. All welcome, Tea and Coffee available all night

For more information contact: phone 07806517383 or Facebook – Glasgow Vigils Events

### **The Nativity (BBC film)**

There'll be a showing of the BBC film The Nativity on Monday December 11 at 7 pm at St Thomas's Hall. Free. Tea, Coffee and Juice. Families most welcome!

## ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

*From the Captain –*

### **Guttering**

We hope to soon have the gutters cleaned and new gutters in place. We have not decided or met with any contractor to do it as yet. Strangely however some gutter parts and components were found in the grounds last week. It seems that someone had decided to do this work without permission which was very confusing as I had not authorized anyone to do any work – there is a detailed process that has to be followed before we get to that part. However, we are closing in on final prices and the basement will soon be drained and the rough cast repairs complete with the cosmetic changes.

Once we have the prices I will come back and discuss options with you and we will go from there.

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### **Christmas Fair**

Please stay after Mass on Sunday 26 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 SSVF**

Conference members are looking forward to welcoming to the Christmas lunch this Tuesday 28 November at 12.30pm all those whose names are on the list.

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### **New number for Convent**

There's a new number for the Convent if you need to phone them: 0141 778 2404.

### **St Andrew's Night**

St Aloysius's Garnethill are holding a St Andrew's Night on Saturday 2 December at 8.00 pm in the auditorium. There'll be music and a meal

with tea, coffee and home baking (but B.Y.O.B). Tickets are £8 in aid of the restoration fund.

### **Vigil of St Andrew**

Welcome the arrival of Scotland's national day on Wednesday 29 November at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Cardonald, G52 3QU. Refreshments to follow.

## **Fundraising Concert for St Mungo's Old Folks Centre**

St Mungo's Old Folks centre are holding a concert on Tuesday 28 November at St Mungo's Church, 52 Parson St, Townhead, G4 0RX at 7.30-9.30 pm. They are delighted to present John Lewis' in-house choir, the 'Tartan Tones'. Tickets are £5 and include tea/coffee and shortbread. For tickets, please contact the centre at [stmungos.oldfolks@btconnect.com](mailto:stmungos.oldfolks@btconnect.com) or phone 0141 552 8999.

## **An afternoon with St Mark**

You are warmly invited to an an exploration of St Mark's Gospel led

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

*For the month of November all Mass Intentions are for the deceased in your November lists.*

**Sunday 26 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Monday 27**

**Tuesday 28**

**Wednesday 29**

**Thursday 30 St Andrew, Apostle & Patron of Scotland**

Mass with School ..... 10.00 am (St T)

**Friday 1 December**

**Saturday 2**

**Sunday 3 First Sunday of Advent**

## **PARISH DONATIONS**

18.11-19.11.2017

<b>St Thomas's</b>	<b>St Bernadette's</b>
<b>£1121</b>	<b>£450</b>

by the Glasgow Jesuits on Sunday 3 December from 2.30-4.45 pm in the Ogilvie Centre next to St Aloysius's in Garnethill. Free.

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## **INTENTIONS**

### **Those sick at home or hospital**

All the sick & housebound of both Parishes.

### **Recently Dead**

Rosa Kennedy, Ina McTaggart, Marion Fitzsimmons.

### **Month's Mind**

Mary Smith

### **Anniversaries**

Denis Kennedy, Thomas Stevenson.

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