

suffered abuse or trauma? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please visit our website:

stmargaretsadoption.org.uk for more information or call 0141 332 8371 and speak to our duty worker.

Mass Offering Envelope

If you do wish to have a Mass offered, Mass Offering envelopes are now available at the back of the Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN. 30 JULY

Reception of the remains of Edward McCulloch 5.30 pm (St T)

MON. 31 St Ignatius Loyola

Requiem Mass for Edward McCulloch 10 am (St T)

We pray for Edward, son of James & Mary McCulloch in their sudden loss and for Edward brothers, sisters and extended family.

TUES. 1 AUGUST St Alphonsus Liguori

Reception & Requiem Mass for Edward Devlin 9 am (St B)

We pray for his soul and consolations for his son and extended family.

FRI. 4 St John Vianney

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

Eileen Adaya & all the sick and house-bound of both Parishes

Those who have died recently

Fr Hugh Randolph OSCO, James McNeilly, Lilly McCall, John Mendes, Richie Carroll, Sr Helen (Catherine) Maguire, Edward McCulloch, James Ferguson & Edward Devlin

Month's Mind

Joseph McGowan (6th)

Anniversaries

John McGlynn (19th), Fr Harry Farrell, John Fitzsimmons, Nan Callaghan, Fr Charles Fitzsimmons OSB, John Montgomery, Elizabeth Convery, Andrew Convery, Gerard McDonald (28th), Canon Michael Henretty, Don Henretty

Mass Bouquets

Thomas & Ann McCormick, Margaret Kelly, Jessie Devlin, For all those who supported the family of Lily McCall with their sympathy.

Get Well Mass Bouquets

John Joe McManus, Anne Mendes, Frank Topping

ST THOMAS'S & ST BERNADETTE'S

30.07.2017

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Father John McGinley (PP) & Sr Francesca Wilson

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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

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Friends of Divine Mercy Mercy Bus

From 31 July-5 August, the Mercy bus will travel to different towns.

Friday 4 August 11 am-3 pm in Buchanan St, outside Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. There will be an opportunity for Confessions.

Holy Mass for the Newly Married Couples of 2017

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Holy Mass for the newly married couple of the Archdiocese in St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday 8 October at 3pm. All couples of the Archdiocese married during the past few years are invited.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Has been re-ordered by the Archbishop to Primary 7 age. The Archbishop will celebrate The Sacrament here in St Thomas on Monday 13th November for children of St Thomas & St Jude's Parishes, the children being from St Thomas Primary 7 Our Lady of Peace Primary 7, 59 children in all. A programme of catechesis and preparation has been established for Parents /Sponsors and children and will begin after the children return to school in August. This is to let Par-

ents know and be aware of the forthcoming Sacrament to be celebrated for your child. Any Parents whose children attend other schools should approach Father McGinley as soon as possible.

Holyday of Obligation

Please note for your diary that Tuesday 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are being arranged as schools return that day. Please see next weeks bulletin.

Altar Servers Needed

Parents who wish to present their child as an Altar Server, please approach Fr McGinley

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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.

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ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

Foodbank

The St Bernadette's foodbank needs to be replenished with foodstuffs and toiletries.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

Monday 28 August, 7–9pm at Archdiocese of Glasgow Eyre Hall

Who should attend?

Training is compulsory for Parish volunteers (SSVP, Extraordinary Ministers) who work with children and/or vulnerable adults and who have NOT previously attended relevant Safeguarding training provided by the Catholic Church.

Aims of the training

To introduce Parish Volunteers to:

- The concept of Safeguarding and its implications in a church context.
- The responsibilities of the Parish Volunteer and the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
- A basic understanding of recognizing, responding and reporting abuse/concerns
- Practical provisions for working safely with children/adults at risk

Length of training: 2 hours

Those who intend to attend training please sign the form at the back of the Church.

St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society

are looking for adopters. We pride ourselves on being a specialised adoption service and encourage you

to take a look at our most recent inspection report at www.careinspectorate.com. Have you ever considered adoption? Could you give a loving, stable home to a child who has

Is my Marriage Recognised by the Church?

Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptised Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a 'dispensation from canonical form', Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love.

Why Marry Catholic?

Catholic Marriage is unique among other marital relationships because it is a sacrament that makes Christ present in our world. The relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship of Jesus Christ for his people. In the Catholic tradi-

tion, husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are ambassadors of God's love, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive. The vows exchanged are a sacred pact through which the spouses embrace each other, and, together, embrace Jesus as their partner. Through their union with Christ they participate in the unbreakable pact between God and humanity: the covenant that was sealed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Benefits of Catholic Marriage

One of the many benefits of a sacramental marriage is the power of God's grace, which helps couples keep their commitment and find happiness together. Social scientists are finding that couples who recognize God's presence in their relationship experience more satisfaction and are more likely to achieve lifelong marriage. All in all, couples who choose to bring their marriage into the Church receive many gifts – peace of heart, oneness with the Church, the fullness of the sacraments, and God's special blessing upon their marriage.