

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
of the Year (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

I've been looking over the finances in the last few weeks. My first week here the collection was just over a thousand pounds. Last week was just under £1500. Can I thank you for your extraordinary generosity. We have one major bill coming at the end of this month for the Insurance (around £6500). Once we have that cleared we can think about CCTV. In the next few weeks I will meet with the pastoral council and I would encourage you to offer your suggestions to them as well as to myself. Once again can I thank all of you who are involved in Ministry for your support and help while I settle in.

**Enrolment Mass for Confirmandi  
(Monday 9 October)**

This Monday evening at 7pm we welcome the children from St Thomas's p7 and the p7 from Our Lady of Peace who will be joining us for the Enrolment Mass, in preparation for their Confirmation. I also welcome on your behalf the staff, parents, sponsors, family and friends from both schools. During this Mass the children will hand over the letters they have written requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation from the

Archbishop. I will take these letters to the Archbishop later this week. I would also like to invite any parishioners from St Thomas's and St Bernadette's to join us in supporting the children on their Faith journey.

**40 Hours at St Thomas's**

The 40 Hours this year is from Sunday 5 November to Tuesday 7. A sheet will be left in the porch for you to sign up for a brief period of adoration. The schedule this year is as follows:

*Sunday 5 November* – Opening of the 40 Hours after 10am Sunday Mass. Adoration up to the Holy Hour at 6.30pm: I will give a talk on healing & scripture.

*Monday 6 November* – Adoration after Mass up to the Holy Hour at 6.30pm led by Deacon Andrew Davis.

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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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*Tuesday 7 November* – Adoration after morning Mass up to the Holy Hour at 6.30pm. I will give a talk on Healing and make the Sacrament of the Sick available.

On this final evening of our 40 Hours I wish to make the Sacrament of the Sick available to as many of our sick parishioners as possible. If you have suggestions how to make this work I'd be most grateful. I have scheduled the evenings to begin at 6.30pm in the hope that some of our more elderly parishioners will feel comfortable in coming out that little bit earlier. More details to follow.

**Retreat at Craig Lodge, Dalmally**

A bus will be going to Craig Lodge in Dalmally next month for a short weekend retreat and any High School pupils between 2nd and 4th year are welcome. There are 8 places available. The bus will leave after school finishes on Friday 24 November and return on Sunday 26 November. For more information talk to Joe McAleer (0793 0371 779) or speak to Fr Neil. There is a retreat for 16-21 year olds the following week (1-3 December) which some of you might be interested in. If you want to find out more please phone Joe on the number provided.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The meeting originally scheduled for 11 October is now being held on Wednesday 25 October at 7pm in St

## **ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES**

On Wednesday of this coming week I will meet with Jimmy Stirling and my contact from Health & Safety who will help us assess the basement in the Church. There is a suggestion that there could be asbestos in the lower part which has been sealed securely for some time. There are government grants available to remove any hazardous materials which we will apply for if necessary.

Thank you for your positive response towards the idea of installing CCTV. The Insurance bill will come up at the end of this month. We can look at some options once I've met the pastoral council. In the meantime please give your suggestions to any member of the pastoral council or to myself.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your very kind welcome and to all those involved in Ministry who continue to support your Parish.

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Thomas's Presbytery. An opportunity for us all to meet properly for the first time.

### **Parish Pastoral Council East End Deanery Meeting**

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting for the East End Deanery is now on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm (not 9 October).

### **Anonymous Donor (£100)**

Last week I mentioned at the end of Mass that the Sound System is getting tired and will need some work over the next period of time. Once we know how the finances are settling we can discuss the various options available. In the meantime I would like to thank whomever anonymously handed in £100 to buy a new Mic cable for the Parish sound system. (This week I would like to talk about Malt Whisky , just kidding ... )

### **Fish Supper/Quiz Night**

Please note that the Quiz Night will now take place on **FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER**. Tickets at £4.50 will be on sale shortly. Sister Fran will be our Quizmaster and proceeds go to the Franciscan Kenyan Project.

### **Christmas Fair**

After Mass on Sunday 26 November for parish funds. We hope to have a tea room, bottle stall and gifts. Donations welcome.

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## **| EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE**

### **Holy Mass for the Newly Married Couples of the Archdiocese**

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Holy Mass for recently married couples of the Archdiocese of Glasgow in St Andrew's Cathedral today, Sunday 8 October at 3pm. Please let anyone know who might want to attend.

### **Aid to the Church in Need**

ACN Scotland would like to invite all parishioners to our annual Scottish Event. Guests Speakers: Archbishop Issam John Darwish, Lebanon John Pontifex, ACN's Head of Press and Information UK. For full event details, please visit [acnuk.org/events/](http://acnuk.org/events/)

Venue: Turnbull Hall, Glasgow University Catholic Chaplaincy, G12 8LG. This Monday 9 October 2017 from 7-9 pm. Entrance is free.

### **40 Days for Life Annual Reunion**

The 40 Days for Life Reunion will take place in Eyre Hall, Archdiocesan Offices, 196 Clyde St, Glasgow on Saturday 14 October from 2 till 4pm. After Mass tea & coffee will be available for all those who took part in the pro-life prayer vigils during Lent 2017.

### **Catholic Nurse Guild of Scotland**

The Guild is having an Annual Day of Recollection on Saturday 4 November from 10.30 to 4.00pm at The Schoenstadt Centre, The Clachan, Campsie Glen, G66 7AB. Cost £20. For more info contact 01475 725252.

### **PARISH DONATIONS 30 Sept. & 1 Oct. 2017**

**St Thomas's  
Other £885  
GAD £384**

**St Bernadette's  
Other £190  
GAD £168**

### **THE WEEK AHEAD (8-15 OCT.)**

#### **· SUN 8**

*Mass Intention: Ronnie Lamont, RIP*

#### **· MON 9**

*Mass Intention: Sr Patricia Coyle OSF, RIP*

#### **· TUES 10**

*Mass Intention: David Farrell, RIP*

Reception of the remains

of Mary McKinnon

6.30 pm

#### **· WED 11**

Requiem Mass

for Mary McKinnon

10.00 am

#### **· THU 12**

*Mass Intention: Patrick Donaghy, RIP*

#### **· FRI 13**

*Mass Intention: Special Intention*

#### **· SUN 15**

*Mass Intention: Pro populo*

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### **INTENTIONS**

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

Sarah Gibson and all the sick & housebound.

#### **Recently Dead**

Mary McKinnon, David Farrell,  
Ronnie Lamont

#### **Month's Mind**

John Lucas

#### **Anniversaries**

Willie Boyle, The Sheridan Family,  
Nicholas Smith & Thomas Quigley.

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