

**Twenty-Eighth 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

While visiting the Men's Guild this week one of the men referred to me as the 'Captain'. So to continue that sense of fun here are some notes from the Captain:

Once again many thanks for the collection last week. In time I would like to give you a breakdown of how we use your money. I would also like to show you how much is coming in and from where (e.g. the Hall, Collections, Votives). I would also like for us to make more use of the Hall and have already agreed to support the Parents' Council for St Thomas's primary for some of their after-school initiatives. I visited the Men's Guild last week and I'm convinced that I was cheated out of a game of pool – but I don't want to make big thing about it. Just saying ... (Ok, truth is that I got beaten!)

I was also delighted to see the Hall used recently for a post-Baptism party and also for a Funeral tea. I would like to encourage the use of the Hall and thank those who volunteer in the Hall and give up their time and for all their efforts.

I hope parents and children enjoy the holiday ahead. I would encourage you to come in during the week with your children for Mass or just to visit when the Church is open.

Confirmandi

The letters from the Confirmandi have now gone to the Archbishop. I'll be working with the school and parents in the coming weeks to prepare the children for this great sacrament.

Mission Sunday

Is next week and the second collection will go to Missio Scotland. Missio has sent us some booklets and coin boxes which are in the porch.

Annual Mass for the Bereaved

Will take place on Thursday 2 November (the Feast of All Souls) at 6.30pm. Letters will be sent to all of those who have had a bereavement in the last year. I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along as this is a parish event and

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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

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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also to reach to those who are struggling with the loss of a loved one.

40 Hours at St Thomas's

I am delighted to welcome Mark O'Neill back into the fold and have asked him to lead the music at the 40 Hours. He has kindly agreed to help us with various liturgies and Masses where needed and on a personal note I am glad he's feeling better.

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

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. With Vespers sung by the East End Deanery Choir hopefully to be confirmed.

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

Tuesday 7 November – Adoration after morning Mass up to the Holy Hour at 6.30pm. I will give a very brief 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

ST BERNADETTE'S NOTICES

From the Captain –

Many thanks to Jimmy Stirling for assisting us with a tour of the church and the basement which unfortunately was closed up and has been since 2005. According to the Asbestos Register retained at the diocese there is indeed some concerns and issues which will need to be resolved. I have asked the Diocese to provide an independent survey which will ascertain what needs to be done next. This will mean opening the basement and assessing the levels of asbestos and, if necessary, with the help of a government grant, removing all traces and securing the premises in such a way so as to deal with the other problem of dampness. This will mean giving everyone a bucket, forming a chain, and pouring the water down the nearest drain (only joking....) In reality, as you are probably aware, we will pump the water out to a secure location. Once the survey and assessment is complete, I will appoint (after 6 months) a Fabric and Finance Committee for St Bernadette's.

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

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Will take place on Friday 3 November 2017 at 6.30pm. Letters will be sent to all of those who have had a bereavement in the last year. I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along as this is a parish event and also to reach to those who are struggling with the loss of a loved one.

Porridge Morning

A cheque for £324 has been sent to Mary's Meals. Many thanks to all those who stayed for breakfast and to those who gave food generously.

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 will go to the Franciscan Kenyan Project.

Christmas Fair

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

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 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.

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

7 & 8 October 2017

**St Thomas's
Other £878
GAD £282**

**St Bernadette's
Other £207
GAD £189**

THE WEEK AHEAD (15–22 OCT.)

· SUN 15 28th Sunday

Mass Intention: The parish

· MON 16

Mass Intention: Marie Dornan, RIP

· TUES 17 St Ignatius of Antioch

Mass Intention: Mary McKinnon, RIP

· WED 18 St Luke, Evangelist

Mass Intention: Eddie & Theresa Watson

St Luke was a physician from a gentile Christian milieu. He was with St Paul on his second missionary journey and during imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece.

· THU 19

Mass Intention: Special intention

· SUN 21 Mission Sunday (29th Sunday)

Mass Intention: The parish

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

All the sick & housebound.

Recently Dead

Mary McKinnon.

Anniversaries

David Brown, Tommy Devlin, Thomas & Margaret McGuinness, Robert McMenemy

Mass Bouquet

Elizabeth Andrew & Sean Convery
Eddie & Theresa Watson
