

**22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**MASS TIMES**

**Vigil Mass** St Thomas's 5.30 pm  
**Sunday Mass** St Thomas's 10.00 am  
St Bernadette's 12 noon

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**Monday–Friday**  
**St Thomas's**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10.00am  
**St Bernadette's**  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am

Bulletin submissions can be emailed to  
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**Confessions**  
St Thomas's 5.00–5.30 pm Saturday

**Family Race Night Fund Raiser**

On Saturday 29 September 2018 in St Thomas's Church hall at 7.30pm. After the success of the wonderful cabaret evening, some members of our Men's Guild in St Thomas's have kindly organised a family race night. Tickets will be £3.00 each and Children go free! I would like to encourage everyone to support this evening and a special welcome to families with children. Horses are on sale or £5.00 and some of the men's guild will be on hand after mass to sell tickets. The proceeds again go into the pot to renew the access stair into the Church.

**Confirmations**

Could all children who are due to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year make an effort to attend Mass every Sunday.

**September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

Please think about coming along a little earlier to morning Mass if you can. Please join our faithful groups who recite the rosary in both parishes each morning before mass. I would like to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in both Churches during the rosary. I mentioned this already but maybe I need to work a little harder to make that happen. Once the new Mass schedule settles we can

build it into the daily routine. Parishes that have the Blessed sacrament daily receive many graces!

### **Cycle around Millport**

Over the September weekend I would like to do a wee cycle around Millport and perhaps if there is enough energy and momentum to make it a wee fundraiser again. On Monday 24 September after morning Mass the plan would be to head off to Millport and cycle the 10 miles around. The bikes can be hired there, and they are reasonably cheap. If you are interested in doing this again, please sign up your name on the sheet which will be available next week. We did this last year and it was a great success! I hope we can have more people come along. Some just came for the tea and coffee in the cafes which is fantastic.

### **School Mass: Tuesday 4 September**

Primary 7a will present the Mass this Tuesday in St Thomas's. I would like to encourage you to support and pray for the children who are always nervous but do such a great job!

### **Property reports**

There are property reports on maintenance which I will make available next week. These outline the works we have completed and the long-term building maintenance programme for both parishes, which we must adhere to. We have several projects that will need attention over the next few years. Once we have the front steps upgraded and renewed I will come to you through the pastoral council and identify where you would like the next project to begin. Bernadette's will also need to make some decisions, especially with the overwhelming sanctuary which prevents coffins being placed in their proper place. That will be one of our first projects over the next year, providing the resources are not strained. Sometimes costing places certain projects on the back burner but I'm happy to discuss with you how best to move forward. Much of the work is obvious and we can build on the good work completed here over many years.

### **Finance Council**

Canon Law requires parish priests to have a finance council to encourage transparency and to manage finances with people who have a professional competence or interest in this area. You may think I am only shaking your hand after Mass, but in reality, I am sizing you up for a job in ministry within the parish! In an ideal situation, everyone in the parish would be involved in a ministry. I know this is not a new concept in this parish. I will in time begin to ask some of you to join the Finance Council.

### **Thank you**

Robert and Betti McCusker would like to thank all parishioners and friends for cards, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### **St Vincent de Paul Society Mass for the Sick**

Mass with Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated in St. Bernadette's on Thursday 6th September at 7.00 pm. If you know of any parishioner, who, with transport, would be able to be present, please give the name and address to any member. If you are able to provide transport on that night, would you please give your name and phone number to any member.

### **Catholic Papers**

Please support the Church and keep up to date with current events in our diocese and beyond. Catholic papers are a good way to stay in touch with local catholic news.

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### **Children**

At some recent hall events, I have noticed several children playing and running around the chapel grounds, unsupervised while the adults are having a party in the hall. I am not unhappy about children having fun. However, they always need to be supervised by an adult. I just happened to be returning from a call one night and a little boy came running down the grass embankment being pursued by his sister, I believe. He tripped and split his head on the wall. There was no adult supervising. We just need to tidy up in these things.

### **Safeguarding**

You will perhaps notice a new poster on the notice boards in both parishes with the contact details for our safe guarding coordinators for both parishes. There is also a little leaflet outlining what we have in place to protect the vulnerable. These will be available in the next week or so.

### **Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage**

The yearly Pilgrimage to pray for the beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on 9 September this year at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh. The day begins at 2pm and concludes with Holy Mass at 4.30 pm.

## **PVG forms**

Please see Eileen Kidd in St Thomas's and Barbie Jordan in St Bernadette's. If you have already updated your PVG you will still need to do it again. With new procedures and practise we need to comply and get ourselves up to speed. It's not difficult to do but it is one more thing that needs attention.

## **Bishop Robert Barron**

Bishop Barron is coming to speak at the Usher Hall in Edinburgh on Thursday 6 September at 7 pm. Tickets are available from the Usher Hall in Edinburgh on 0131 228 1155 or visit [usherhall.co.uk](http://usherhall.co.uk).

## **Pilgrimage of the Icon of Jesus the Teacher**

The icon obtained as part of the centenary of the Education Act is on Pilgrimage throughout the Archdiocese. There is a full list of events at [reircglasgow.org/2018-celebrations](http://reircglasgow.org/2018-celebrations).

The closest event to St Thomas's and St Bernadette's is at Our Lady of Good Counsel from 5-7 October. On Friday 5 October there will be a prayer service at 1.30 pm and a holy hour that evening at 7 pm. On Saturday 6 October there will be a presentation on the History of the Catholic Church and Reflection on the Icon at 12 noon, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. At all other times the Icon will be available to visit in St Andrew's Cathedral.

## **Funerals**

The funeral of Elizabeth Walker is this Tuesday in St Bernadette's at 9.00 am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Anthony Gallagher.

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## **INTENTIONS**

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

Margaret Markey and all the sick & housebound of both parishes

### **Recently Dead**

Regina Feeny, Jimmy McCulloch, Jenny McInally, Elizabeth Anne Walker, Hugh Convery, Bridget Stewart, Elizabeth Wright, Dorothy McGrath

### **Anniversaries**

George Bennett (6th), Josephine and Theresa McManus, Mary Jack, Anne Mackay, Fr Charles Fitzsimmons OSB, Christine Mullan, Raymond Martin (3rd), Vincent Martin (11th), Agnes Lynn,

### **Mass Bouquet**

Robert & Betty McCusker