23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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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 Thomas's

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10.00am

St Bernadette's

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am

Confessions

St Thomas's 5.00-5.30 pm Saturday

Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation:

St Thomas's Primary School – St Thomas's Parish

Primary 7 Children from St Thomas's School will be enrolled as candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 16 September at 10.00 am Mass. Children must be enrolled to be presented for the sacrament. In the meantime, can I encourage parents to make sure children are at Mass every week. I have sent a letter to all the parents advising them of this Mass. In theory we have around 30 children so please keep them in your prayers.

Please note the change in date for Confirmation: Tuesday 23 October in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street at 7.00pm.

Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation:

St Timothy's Primary School - St Bernadette's Parish

Enrolment mass for the children of St Timothy's Primary school who attend St Bernadette's parish will take place on Sunday 16 September at the 12 noon Mass. Children must be enrolled to be presented for the sacrament and I have visited the children to assist their preparation. Please note that Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 9 October in St Andrew's Cathedral at 7.00pm.

Mass for the Sick

Sincere thanks to all who helped prepare and set up for the Mass for the sick in St Bernadette's parish last week. The SVDP organised planned and supported the event and over 30 people were anointed. It was a lovely evening and a great opportunity for us as a parish to be with those who are struggling with an illness of one kind or another. I am also grateful to the activities coordinator from Alexandra Court and to the residents and support staff who were also in attendance. I hope to replicate a similar venture with Greenfield park Care home as well.

First Reconciliation and Communion (both parishes)

I will confirm what is happening with First Confession and First Communion in the next few weeks. As it stands we have 5 children at Mass weekly in St Thomas's and 3 in St Bernadette's who will be presented. I hope that this number changes as it seems rather small, however, its what we have at present. I think it might be wise to wait and see if more of the parents begin to attend Mass with their Children before we plan dates

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Converts Course)

If you know anyone who would like to become Catholic or would like to hear more about what is involved. Please come to a meeting in St Thomas's chapel House on Monday 1st October at 7. oopm. This meeting is for people of both parishes and perhaps beyond. This introductory meeting will explain who can become Catholic and how we go about it. If you would like to know your faith better this would be the ideal place to learn more

SPRED

There will be a special collection next Sunday for the work of the SPRED charity in Glasgow. SPRED's vision is to work within the Church to nourish accept- ing and inclusive communities for people with learning disabilities. See leaflets in the porch for more info.

Safeguarding

We wish to thank the volunteers who attended the Safeguarding meeting on Monday 3 September. Following on from the meeting, the next stage is to attend 'Level 1' training. The next Training Course is on Monday 15 October (from 19:00–21:00) and is at the Curial Offices in Clyde Street.

People should contact the Safeguarding Team to enrol on Level 1 Training: The Safeguarding Team, Archdiocese of Glasgow, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY or phone 0141 226 5898 / email: safeguardingadministrator@rcag.org.uk

Family Race Night Fund Raiser

We are rescheduling the upcoming race night which was to take place on Saturday 29 September 2018 in St Thomas's Church hall. In order to make the best of the funraising opportunity the Race Night will give us it would be best to have a bar. Unfortunately the Council need to be given extended notice for us to get a temporary licence. To allow that to happen the Race Night will now take place on November 3 at 7.30pm. Tickets already bought are of course still valid and if the new date is inconvenient please just ask for a refund. Tickets are £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.

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.

Funerals

The funeral mass for Patricia Feeney will be at St Bernadette's this Friday (14 September) at 9.00 am.

Considering Primary Teaching?

There will be an information evening for people considering applying for Initial Teacher Education programmes (primary school) in St. Patrick's Primary School, 10 Perth Street, Glasgow G₃ 8UQ on Tuesday 18th September 2018 from 6.30-8.00pm. This event will focus on the application process. Representatives from the University of Glasgow, the Archdiocesan Primary Head Teachers Association (APHTA), Church and Local Authority Church Representatives will be present to discuss the application process, Teacher Approval, etc. and to explain what support is on offer and answer questions.

RCAG Youth

S₅ – 2₅? This event is for you! Come along and FIND out more about your Catholic faith and meet other young people at RCAG Youth's 'FIND' event. We will explore

the 'why' behind what we believe, discuss it together, have pizza and conclude with prayer. This event will run every Thursday 16:00 – 18:30 (kick off at 16:30) in Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde St, G1 4JY. Launch event on Thursday, 13th September! Check out our website, www.rcagyouth.co.uk for more information.

AGAP Theatre: Actors required!

Interested in acting AGAP's forthcoming theatre productions? Request a call back at 0141 552 5527 or e-mail info@agap.org.uk to arrange a relaxed no-pressure audition and discuss availability. We're particularly keen to hear from people aged 16-30. Experience is not essential.

AGAP: AGAP Film and Faith Club

The club will meet at 1pm for a Matinee and also at 7pm on Thursday 4th October at St Mungo's Retreat House, next to St Mungo's Church, Townhead. 52 Parson St, G4 oRX. This month's film is "The Greatest Showman" (2017), Cert. PG. To book: www.agap.org.uk and click on What's on. Tel 0141 552 5527 or email info@agap. org.uk

Pilgrimage of the Icon of Jesus the Teacher

The icon obtained as part of the centenery of the Education Act is on Pilgrimage throughout the Archdiocese. There is a full list of events at *rercglasgow.* 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.

INTENTIONS

Those sick at home or hospital

Margaret Markey and all the sick & housebound of both parishes

Recently Dead

Regina Feeney, Jimmy McCulloch, Jenny McInally, Elizabeth Anne Walker, Elizabeth Wright, Dorothy McGrath, Eric Rafferty, Rosemary Canning, Johnny Forster, Hugh Bonnar

Anniversaries

Christina Mullan, John & Owen Mullan, Albert McKay

Mass Bouquet

Colette Anne Geddes & Family