

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 4th SUNDAY OF LENT – SCIAF SUNDAY – 15th March 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 15 th March <i>The 4th Sunday of Lent and SCIAF Sunday</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass 7:15pm Reception – Mary McGhee	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction
Monday 16 th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Mary McGhee 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Growing in prayer	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Tuesday 17 th March <i>St Patrick</i>	8:15am Mass 1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 18 th March <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 19 th March <i>St Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary</i>	8:15am Mass 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:00pm Adoration 6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 20 th March	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass (Note change of time)	7:30am Mass 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 21 st March	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22 nd March <i>The 5th Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Personal Testimonies by Youth Group of Parishes



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Sunday Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Sunday Mass

St Ignatius The Loyola Centre: 07759 459988
SSVP St Ignatius - 07763 665852

St Thomas Parish Centre: 07857 134992
SSVP St Thomas - 07592 166154

SCIAF Annual Collection – 2026

This Sunday 15th March the Annual SCIAF Collection will be taken up. Gift Aid envelopes that are specifically for the SCIAF Collection are available from the entrances to the Churches. Thank you in anticipation of your support on behalf of SCIAF and all they do to support those in need throughout the world, especially in Ethiopia, the focus of SCIAF's Appeal for this Year.

Young people's group aged 18 – 30 years and Sunday Evening at St Thomas'

The Young People's Group during Lent continues to meet at St Thomas' Church and Parish Centre on Sundays from 7:00pm. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for information on the services and talks. Thank you again to the young people who led the Stations of the Cross and organised the presentation last week by Michael from SCIAF. Michael talked about the work of SCIAF and showed the short film 'Believe' which showed the essential work that SCIAF carries out around the world to support those in need. Thank you also to all the parishioners from both Parishes who attended the presentation.

Lent 2026

The additional Masses, services and talks continue at St Ignatius and St Thomas', see overleaf of details for this coming week. In addition to the additional Masses and Services, on Mondays the course helping us enter more deeply into prayer continues to take place after the Stations of the Cross in St Ignatius Chapel House. Thank you to all who have attended the extra Masses, Stations of the Cross and Adoration. It is great to see so many children, teachers and staff from St Ignatius Primary and St Thomas Primary Schools as well as young people from St Aidan's and Our Lady's High Schools as well as all the family members coming along to the extra morning Masses.

Time of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thank you to all those who attended the time of recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from both Parishes. Your continued presence, time and commitment are important in strengthening our Parish Community's spiritual life.

Holy Week and Paschal Triduum

Masses of the Lord's Supper and Good Friday Services will take place in both Churches this year. The Easter Vigil will take place in St. Ignatius Church. Easter Sunday Morning Masses will be as usual, but no 6:00pm Mass will take place in St Ignatius Church on Easter Sunday.

Offertory Collections – 7th/8th March

St Ignatius - £1691.00 St Thomas - £871.40

Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collections and to all those who make payments direct to the Parishes Bank Accounts.

Assisted Suicide Bill – The Scottish Parliament

As was read at all Masses two weekends ago, The Bishops of Scotland have written a Pastoral Letter in anticipation of the forthcoming Final Assisted Suicide Vote due to take place at the Scottish Parliament. Copies of the letter and information, including a QR Code to contact MSPs are available at the entrance to the Churches. It is confirmed that the vote in The Scottish Parliament is expected to take place this Tuesday 17th March, if you have not already done so, please consider contacting your MSP about this important issue.

Youth Group Meeting – Diocese of Motherwell

The next Diocese of Motherwell Youth Group Meeting for all S6's and 16-30 yr olds, for an evening of Talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Live Music and Social takes place in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell on Sunday 28th March at 7:30pm. For more info, email freilly@rcdom.org.uk

Pioneer Short-term pledge for Lent

Leaflets regarding the Short-term pledge for Lent from The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are available at the entrance to the Churches.

St Andrew's Hospice – Make a Will Month – March 2026

Make or update your Will and support St Andrew's Hospice during the month of March. Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will or update an existing Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a donation to St Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna Leslie, Trusts, Legacy and Individual Giving Manager at St Andrew's Hospice on 01236 772087 or email lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk or visit the Hospice website for details of the Solicitors taking part: www.st-andrews-hospice.com

Chrism Mass – Holy Thursday

As in previous years Bishop Toal invites all the Faithful of the Diocese to attend the Mass of Chrism which takes place on Thursday – 2nd April at 11.00am in Motherwell Cathedral. Bishop Toal will celebrate the Mass along with priests of the Diocese. During the Mass the Bishop will bless the Oils to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments in parishes through the year ahead. Also, the priests present will renew their promises made at their ordinations. Copies of the Bishop's letter are available at the entrance to the Church.

Gift Aid

Thank you to all who are members of the Gift Aid Schemes at both St Ignatius and St Thomas Parishes, your participation in the Scheme is greatly appreciated. The new Gift Aid envelopes that are due to be used from the weekend of 4th/5th April will be available from next weekend at the entrances to the Churches.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Fr Kevin

Fr Kevin goes on Pilgrimage with HCPT Group 139 to Lourdes on 5th until 12th April. If anyone wishes petitions to be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, please put in an envelope marked Lourdes petitions and give to Fr Kevin or hand-in at the Sacristy. Please do not include any monies in the envelopes as Fr Kevin will place the petitions directly into the box within the Grotto.

Wishaw Foodbank

Wishaw Foodbank have been in touch with the St Vincent De Paul Conferences of both Parishes to ask if members of the Parishes can assist with items they are currently needing. Specifically, asking for help with various items including tins of custard, tins of meat, long-life milk and toilet rolls. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

St Ignatius Parish

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Alice Ann Bjorn; John Dobbin Jnr;
Rosanna Bulmer; Alfie James Milligan; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Elaine McCarren;
Laura McIntosh; Helen Woods; Thomas Lally Snr; Peter Convery; Bill Wood; Ciara Loughery;
Nicholas McAnaw; Mary Goodwin; Elizabeth Cooper; Moira McDonald; John Miller; Patrick McEwan;
Kathleen McElhinney; Michael McMullen; Charles Sullivan; Grace Collins; Ellen Campbell;
Baby Archie Thomson; Martin McCallum; Jax Martin; Marie Kelly (Hamilton).

Deaths: Mary McGhee – Lammermuir Terrace; Jessie Murray; David Bradley; George Paton.

Months Minds: Catherine (Irene) Smith.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Patricia McLean & Elizabeth Brown; Jimmy Duffy; Rob Payne.

St Thomas Parish

The sick and housebound:

Mary Jackson, Derek Somerville, Maria McVitie, Rosaleen Gold, Mary Bradley, George McGowan,
Anna Divito, Josh Hillier, Betty Irvine, Margaret Devlin, Lynn McIntyre, Carl McNulty, Matt Bradley,
Muriel Brown, Thomas Kane, Adam Reilly; Dougie Meechan; Brian Dowling;
Jacky Finnegan; Michael Madden; James Reilly; John Cumberton; Maria Brown;
Anne Marie McGrogan; Grace Abernethy; Betty Miller; Mary Young.

Deaths: Mary McGhee formerly Lomond Drive; Mary Boyle; Mary McGratten.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Thomas O'Neill & Teresa Burns; Thomas Hastie;
Annie Mary & William Morrow; Bernard Allen; Eddie Cahill;
William Madden & Helen Madden; Emma Gold

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Parish Mission Statements – Project Wellspring

St Ignatius

"We want to encourage and support people in the practise of their faith, especially by attending Church, with the aim of helping people to grow in their faith and their relationship with the Trinity; God the Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit."



St Thomas'

"Our mission is to embrace and share the teachings of Christ, fostering a spiritual community of love, compassion and service. We are dedicated to nurturing faith, empowering our parishioners and extending our reach into the wider community to make a positive impact and promote spiritual growth."

Please note the upcoming meetings of the Parishes' Project Wellspring Co-ordinating Groups are:
St Thomas' – Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre; and
St Ignatius' – Monday 13th April 2026 at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Parish continues to keep all the children of Primary 7 at St Ignatius Primary School and their families in their thoughts and prayers after the children received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Toal in St Ignatius Church last Thursday 12th March. Thank you to all the families and the teachers and staff of St Ignatius Primary School who helped to prepare the children.

The Loyola Centre

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the meeting about the Loyola Centre last Tuesday 10th March. Fr Kevin gave an update on progress of Phase 3, the reinstatement of the entire Loyola Centre. Also, discussion took place regarding future events for the Parish. The next meeting has been arranged to take place on Tuesday 28th April at 7:00pm in The Loyola Centre.

St Ignatius Parish Quiz Night

Once again, thank you to those who organised, provided, attended or contributed in any way to the Parish Quiz Night held on Friday 6th March in the Loyola Centre, it was a great night and enjoyed by all. A total of £750 was raised on the night.

Teas and ... Wednesdays after 9:30am Mass at St Ignatius Church

The teas, coffees and all continues this Wednesday 18th March in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

200 Club Winners for February

1st – 33: Giovanna Colquhoun; 2nd – 115: Jane McCarron.

St Ignatius St Patrick's/Irish Night

A great time was had by all who attended the St Patrick's/Irish Night last Saturday 7th March. Again, thank you to those who organised, provided, attended or contributed in any way to the Night. Thank you also to Hugh and Kevin from SeinErin who provided the entertainment.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 10am Sunday Mass at St Ignatius Church

The next coffee, tea, juice, sausage on a roll and all will take place on Easter Sunday 5th April after the 10:00am Mass in The Loyola Centre. Thank you to those who provide and attend this monthly Parish get together.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Parish continues to keep all the children of Primary 3 at St Thomas' Primary School and their families in their thoughts and prayers after the children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Thomas Church for the 1st time last Tuesday 10th March. Thank you to all the families and the teachers and staff of St Thomas' Primary School who helped to prepare the children.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 11:30am Sunday Mass at St Thomas' Church

The next Coffee, tea, juice and all will take place on Sunday 5th April 2026, after the 11:30am Mass. Thank you to those who provide and attend this monthly Parish get together.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 18th March 2026 11:30am-2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

St Thomas' Parish Centre

The following event is planned to take place: Saturday April 25th – Ying Yang.

Ministries and Roles within St Thomas' Parish – Sign-up Sunday

Thank you to those who attended on Sunday 1st March for 'Sign up Sunday' to find out more about ways in which you can serve the Parish in various ministries and roles. New volunteers have come forward for the roles and ministries that are required. However, please remember that 'Many hands make light work,' and if anyone else is interested then please speak to Fr Kevin or any volunteer at the entrance of the Church.

St Thomas' Wellspring Coordinating Group

The Wellspring Coordinating Group are organising some family events that will take place in The Parish Centre in the coming months. More details about the Family Quiz Night can be found below. Thank you in anticipation of your support. The current planned family events are;

Friday 24th April – 7:00pm – 11:30pm

Family Quiz Night

Sunday 7th June – 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Family Fun Day

Friday 18th September – 7:00pm – 11:30pm

Family Race Night

Family Quiz Night

The Wellspring Coordinating Group have organised a Family Quiz Night taking place on Friday 24th April from 7:00pm in the St Thomas Parish centre, tickets are priced at £2.50 per adult ticket and tickets are free for children. You can expect some family friendly quiz rounds, Irish Bingo and raffles. Tickets can be purchased at the entrance to the Church after Masses from this weekend. Tickets are limited and more information can be found on the poster at the entrance to the Church. The Group would appreciate if anyone could donate some prizes for raffles and tombola suitable for adults and children. Thank you in anticipation of your support.