

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT – 1st March 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 1st March The 2nd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by a Faith based talk
Monday 2nd March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 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 3rd March	8:15am Mass 1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 4th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 6:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1 st Confessions 7:30pm – Reception - Marie Kelly	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 5th March	8:15am Mass 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Marie Kelly	6:00pm Adoration 6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal
Friday 6th March	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass (Note change of time)	7:30am Mass 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass 5:30pm – Reception - James McTaggart
Saturday 7th March	NO 9:30am Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	10:00am - Funeral Mass James McTaggart 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8th March 2026 The 3rd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by a SCIAF Presentation



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

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

During Lent, as the Young People's Group have organised and are involved in the services in St Thomas' Church and Parish Centre on Sundays from 7:00pm, the Group will meet at St Thomas' Church. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for information on the services and talks. Thank you to the young people who led the Stations of the Cross and readings last week.

Ash Wednesday and Lent 2026

As we continue our Lenten journey, additional Masses, services and talks are available at St Ignatius and St Thomas, see overleaf of details for this coming week. A reminder that this year the Mass location for the additional morning Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays at St Thomas', these will take place at 8:30am in St Thomas' Primary School, all parishioners are welcome to attend as well as the boys and girls and their families and/or carers. Also, the Friday Morning Mass at St Ignatius will start at 9:00am. In addition to the additional Masses and Services, on Mondays in Lent there is the opportunity to participate in a course to help us enter more deeply into prayer over the six weeks of Lent. The course will take place after the Stations of the Cross on Mondays in St Ignatius Chapel House.

Thank you to all who 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 morning Masses. Thank you also to all who came to the reflection on Prayer last Sunday evening.

Baptism of children at Primary School preparing for The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thank you to all the families from St Ignatius and St Thomas Parishes who have been attending the sessions as part of the preparation to have their children baptised prior to being presented for the Sacrament of Reconciliation - First Confession. We pray for the children and their families as they are Baptised this Sunday 1st March in St Ignatius Church and next Sunday 8th March in St Thomas' Church.

SCIAF Wee Boxes and Annual Collection - 2026

The Wee Box as part of the SCIAF Lenten Appeal for 2026 are available from the entrance to the Churches. Also available are Gift Aid envelopes that can be used on the 15th of March this year when the Annual SCIAF Collection will be taken up. 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.

Time of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A time of recollection for all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in both Parishes will take place on Saturday 14th March from 10.00am – 2.00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre. This will be a time of prayer and recollection in support of these ministries within the Parishes. Also, during the time together all existing Readers and Ministers will be Recommissioned, and new ones will be Commissioned.

Offertory Collections – 21st/22nd February

St Ignatius - £1579.50 St Thomas - £954.50

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.

Diocesan Marriage, Family, and Life Mission

As detailed in previous Bulletins and outlined in the letter and associated information also previously made available, as part of Project [Wellspring](#), a Diocesan Marriage, Family and Life Mission has been established. Fr Kevin asks again, if you would like to know more about the Mission and/or are interested in becoming an ambassador as described in the letter and the associated information, please speak with Fr Kevin.

Cardinal Winning Annual Lecture

This Year's Cardinal Winning Lecture takes place in Glasgow University next Saturday 7th March. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for more information.

Second Collection – Sick and Retired Priests

This weekend, the Second Sunday of Lent, 28th February/1st March, a second collection will be taken for Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese of Motherwell. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Assisted Suicide Bill – The Scottish Parliament

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.

Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The Diocese of Motherwell Youth Group Meetings welcome young adults S6-35 yrs old for evenings of faith, prayer and fellowship in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell; the next two meetings of the group will take place next Sunday 8th March and then Sunday 28th March at 7:30pm.

Lourdes Preparation Weekend

Fr Kevin is away from the Parishes this weekend until Sunday to take part in a preparation weekend with Group 139 who he is travelling to Lourdes with this coming Easter. Thank you to the Holy Ghost Fathers who are coming to both Parishes to celebrate Masses.

The Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through separation, divorce or death. The weekend will take place from 27th – 29th March 2026 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact: Louise on 07786 687631 or email: beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com Completed Applications must be returned by 13th March 2026. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for more details.

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 Boyle – Formerly Kirk Road; Martin Walsh – Gilchrist Way; Marie Kelly;
Francis Mimnaugh; Stephen Groome; Sandra Grant.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Rosemary Duffy Allison & Peter Allison; Julia McClusky;
Jean Callaghan, Robert Wallace; John Sarah Francis Lynch; Marjory Pickering.

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.

Deaths: James McTaggart – Lomond Drive.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

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' - this week –Tuesday 3rd March 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 Reconciliation

The Parish continues to keep all the children and their families in prayer as the children continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Ignatius Church for the 1st time this Wednesday 4th March.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Toal will come to St Ignatius Church on Thursday 12th March at 7:00pm to confer on members of the Primary 7 Class at St Ignatius Primary School the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask that all the children and their families are remembered in our prayers.

The Loyola Centre

Thank you to the volunteers who came along to the meeting on Tuesday 10th February. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

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

The teas, coffees and all continues this Wednesday 4th March in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

The following social events have been arranged to take place in the Loyola Centre:

Friday 6th March – Parish Quiz Night, 7:30pm-11:30pm, £5 per ticket, team limit 6 people, BYOB and snacks. Raffle will take place, donations of raffle prizes greatly appreciated and can be left at the stall in St Ignatius Church – tickets on sale at all Masses; and

Saturday 7th March – St Patrick's Night with SeinErin, 7:30pm-11:00pm, £10 per ticket includes pie/peas, BYOB, raffle and Irish Bingo, tickets available at all Masses this weekend.

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

The next coffee, tea, juice, sausage on a roll and all, takes place this Sunday 15th March after the 10:00am Mass in The Loyola Centre.

Wishaw Foodbank

Wishaw Foodbank have been in touch with the St Vincent De Paul of St Ignatius Parish to ask if members of the Parish 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 support.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Parish continues to keep all the children and their families in prayer as the children continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Thomas Church for the 1st time next week on Tuesday 10th March.

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

Coffee, tea, juice and all will take place today, Sunday 1st March 2026, after the 11:30am Mass.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 4th March 2026 11:30am-2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

St Thomas' Parish Centre

The following events are planned to take place, please support these as you are able and in doing so the Parish of St Thomas is also supported:

Saturday March 14th – St Patrick's night; and

Saturday April 25th – Ying Yang

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

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

Please see the up-to-date leaflet available at the entrance to the church. As you may recall in October of last year a newsletter was produced and distributed describing all the ministries and roles that take place in St Thomas' Parish. Fr Kevin also spoke about the ministries and roles at the weekend Masses. The members of the Parish Wellspring Group have continued to look to how best we encourage additional volunteers to undertake all the ministries and roles within the Parish. At the same time experiences from other Parishes across the Diocese has been heard during the Diocesan Wellspring meetings.

Subsequently, next Sunday 1st March at the teas, coffees and all, it is hoped additional volunteers will sign-up to undertake ministries and roles within the Parish. To help additional volunteers to find out more we ask that those currently undertaking ministries and roles within the Parish could come along next Sunday 1st March too and provide information and answer any questions that additional volunteers might have. Thank you in anticipation to everyone for your support.