

St Ignatius of Loyola

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 30th NOVEMBER 2025

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 30th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 1st December <i>St Andrew</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	11:30am - Mass
Tuesday 2nd December	1.00pm Mass 6:00pm – 7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass 6:00pm Reception – Sadie Neary
Thursday 4th December <i>St John Demascene</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	10:30am Funeral Mass – Sadie Neary 6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 5th December	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 6th December	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7th November <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Mass

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1st Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, 30th November is the 1st Sunday of Advent when we begin our preparation for Christmas. If you are able, why not come along to Weekday Mass as detailed above to help with your Christmas preparations. Also, on the Tuesdays of Advent, starting this Tuesday 2nd December, St Ignatius Church will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place. Why not come along and spend some time in personal prayer in anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

St Andrew's Day

With this Sunday being the 30th November, the Solemnity of St Andrew takes place on Monday 1st December. If you are able, why not join us for the Mass at 9.30am to celebrate St Andrew's Day in St Ignatius Church where the pupils and staff of St Ignatius Primary School will participate in the 9:30am Mass. Or, why not join us for the additional Mass in St Thomas' Church at 11:30am.

Welcome – The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

We welcome in a special way, to the Sunday 10.00am Mass at St Ignatius Church this weekend, the candidates who have been meeting together, since 24th September, along with members of both Parishes who wish to find out more about their Catholic Faith. The candidates will make a public acknowledgement of their wish to be part of the Catholic Church with an intention to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by receiving the Sacraments of The Holy Eucharist and The Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter next year, 2026.

Catholic Education Week 2025

We continue to mark Catholic Education Week (Fortnight) when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in the Catholic Faith. This year we are asked to reflect upon the theme for the Jubilee Year 2025: *Pilgrims of Hope*.

We continue to welcome in a special way the children, young people, teachers and staff from St Ignatius and St Thomas Primary Schools and St Aidan's and Our Lady's High Schools to the Parishes as we specifically acknowledge Catholic Education provided in these schools.

Thank you to those who contributed to the special collection last Sunday, 23rd November to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland. A newsletter detailing the activities undertaken through SCES is available at the entrance of the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

We remember in our prayers all the boys and girls who attend St Thomas Primary School from the Parishes of St Thomas' and St Patrick's who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Toal this Thursday 4th December at 7:00pm. We pray too for their families and ensure all of our ongoing support and prayers as the boys and girls take this important step on their journey of faith.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

Thank you to all who continue to attend the Young People's Group for both Parishes on Sunday evenings. The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group will take place this Sunday 30th November in St Ignatius Chapel House after the 6:00pm Mass at St Ignatius Church. If you and/or anyone you know would like to take part, please come and/or tell them to come along.

Christmas Cards and Calendars and Christmas Stamps

The Parish Stalls have on display a selection of Christmas Cards and Calendars available to buy. Please buy and send Christian cards and use Christian Stamps that are available from Post Offices, you may need to ask for them. All help to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The next meeting, an Advent Retreat, titled 'Hope has a name' takes place this Tuesday 2nd December at 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Diocesan Centre, (Opposite Motherwell Cathedral) Motherwell – please note change of venue. All S6 pupils and young adults are invited to go along. See poster on the notice board at the entrance to the Church for more information.

St Andrew's Hospice

A second collection will be taken up next weekend, 6th and 7th December, to support the work of St Andrew's Hospice in Airdrie. As many know St Andrew's Hospice provides many services including invaluable palliative care to people as well as much valued support to families and loved ones.

St Aidan's High School – Christmas Concerts

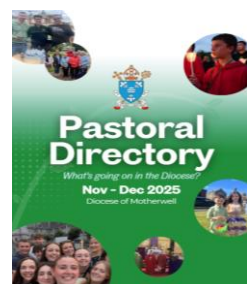
Details of the Christmas Concert and Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert taking place at St Aidan's High School on the 15th and 16th December are available on the posters on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

Pro Life Mass at Carfin - the National Marion Shrine

This Mass is organised by the Family Life group in the Diocese and is held on the last Thursday of every month. The time includes: 7.00pm - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and 'Pro-life Rosary'; 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Opportunity for Confession; 7.30pm - Holy Mass; and after Mass - Refreshments in the Parish Centre. See poster at the entrance to the Church. Notification of the next Mass is awaited.

Pastoral Directory

A reminder that the Motherwell Diocese Pastoral Directory is available by using the QR Code.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

St Ignatius Parish

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; John Dobbin Jnr; Rosanna Bulmer; Baby 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.

Deaths: Elizabeth Goldie; Elizabeth (Crumley) Irvine; Lewis Cuthbert; Tommy Hughes; Sean Feeney.

Months Minds:.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Mary Laikowski; Mrs Margaret Sullivan Snr; Thomas McCulloch Snr; Mary McCulloch; Harry Freel; Rita Sloey; Lorna Donnelly.

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; Pat Shannon; John Cumberton; Maria Brown.

Deaths:

Sadie Neary – formerly Caledonian Road; Billy Bergin.

Months Minds:.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Gerry Bradley; Harry Freel; Lizzie O'Neill; John Harkins; Lewis Cameron; Margaret Ann Hoey.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. Pope Francis

Month of the Holy Souls

Thank you to everyone who attended the Masses during the month of November to pray for the Holy Souls including all members of our families, all our loved ones and all the priests of the Parishes who have died.

Collections – 22nd /23rd November –

Offertory Collection

St Ignatius - £1701.50 St Thomas - £864.00

Catholic Education Week Collection

St Ignatius - £1054.00 St Thomas - £483.00

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.

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."



The next meetings of the Parishes' Project Wellspring Co-ordinating Groups are:
St Thomas' - Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre; and
St Ignatius' – Monday 5th January at 5:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

St Ignatius Primary School – Coffee Morning – St Andrew's Day

After the 9:30am Mass this Monday, the Missio Children at St Ignatius Primary School have organised a Coffee Morning with everyone at St Ignatius Parish invited to come along to the School. As well as, teas, coffees and all, the children will also sing some of their concert songs and all can share in the Christmas spirit. All donations will go to the Mission Christmas Appeal. Thank you in anticipation for your support of the Children.

Christmas Fayre – St Ignatius Primary School

Join the Parents Group for festive fun at the Annual Christmas Fayre this Friday, 5th December, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at St Ignatius Primary School. Family ticket - £5 and Single ticket - £2. See posters at the entrance to St Ignatius Church for more information.

The Loyola Centre

As previously updated, it is planned that “enabling works” will begin this Monday 1st December until Monday 22nd December inclusive. Thereafter, commencing the 5th January works will begin on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of the Loyola Centre. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers will take place on Tuesday 6th January at 6:30pm in the Loyola Centre.

Bingo Night in Aid of St Ignatius' Parish Funds

Thank you once again to all those who prepared for, donated to, provided and attended the Bingo Night on Friday 21st November in St Thomas' Parish Centre, a total of £1518.00 was raised for St Ignatius Parish Funds.

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

Thank you to all those who attended and provided the teas, coffees and all last week. Teas, coffees and all will continue this Wednesday, 3rd December in the Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

The following Parish Social event is planned to take place:

Saturday 13th December 11:00am – 2:00pm – ‘A Santa Fun Day’, this event will now take place with two separate times being available – 11:00am-12:15pm and 12:45pm-2:00pm. Entry is by a free ticket only and tickets are available at all Masses this weekend and also from St Ignatius Primary School;

As always, Parish Social Events can only take place with the generosity of those parishioners who give of their time to plan, prepare and run the events. More volunteers are always welcome to join those parishioners who already volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Fr Kevin.

Mass of Remembrance – St Ignatius Church

Thank you to all who came along last Tuesday, 25th November to the Mass when we particularly remembered all those who had died since 1st October 2024. Thank you to all those who helped provided teas, coffees and all in the Loyola Centre after the Mass.

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 Sunday, 21st December after the 10:00am Mass. Thank you once again to all those who prepare for and provide the coffee, tea, juices, sausage on a roll and all.

St Thomas' Parish Centre

The following events are planned to take place in the Parish Centre:

Sunday 7th December – Kids Christmas Party – 12:30pm – 2:30pm – free entry;

Saturday 13th December – Adults Christmas Party Night, meal and entertainment – 7:30pm – late - £30.

Raffles as part of and to be drawn at the Christmas Parties continue to be on sale this weekend after all Masses.

Wayside Club

Thank you to all who have donated warm clothing and toiletries for men as part of the appeal from the Wayside Club responded to at St Thoams' Parish. Any further donation of warm clothing and/or toiletries will be welcome. The box will be removed after this Sunday 30th November. Thank you to all who kindly contributed to this worthwhile cause.

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

The Coffee, tea, juice and all will not be available in the month of December due to the Parish Christmas events, it will begin again in the New Year.

Wednesday Warmer – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Warmer continues to take place this Wednesday 26th November 11:30am-2:30pm.

Christmas Carol Service – St Thomas's Church

A Christmas Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 7:00pm in St Thomas' Church. Please come along and join in to help us in our preparations for the celebration of Christmas.

St Thomas' SSVP Senior Citizens Party – Save the Date

The annual SSVP Senior Citizens Party will take place on Sunday 11th January 2026, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. More details to follow.