

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 1st SUNDAY OF LENT – 22nd February 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 22nd February 2026 The 1st Sunday of Lent	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction
Monday 23rd February	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 24th February	8:15am Mass 1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 25th February	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 26th February	8:15am Mass 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:00pm Adoration 6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal
Friday 27th February	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass (Note change of time)	7:30am Mass 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 28th February	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st March 2026 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



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Sunday Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Sunday Mass

St Ignatius The Loyola Centre: 07759 459988
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St Thomas Parish Centre: 07857 134992
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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.

Ash Wednesday and Lent 2026

During Lent, additional Masses, services and talks are available at St Ignatius and St Thomas, see overleaf of details for this coming week. A change will take place this year to 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.

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 next Sunday 1st March in St Ignatius Church and on Sunday 8th March in St Thomas' Church.

SCIAF Wee Boxes - 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 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 – 14th/15th February

St Ignatius - £1568.00 St Thomas - £880.20

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 on Saturday 7th March. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for more information.

Second Collection – Sick and Retired Priests

Next 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.

Diocesan Youth Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage Update

After a successful Information Evening, we now invite applications and a £200 deposit to secure a place on the diocesan young adult (aged 18-30) pilgrimage to the last 100km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, from Monday 6th – Monday 13th July 2026. The cost will be £1,000 including flights, transfers, daily bag transfer, meals and accommodation. Further info and forms are available from Fr Stephen Reilly at frreilly@rcdom.org.uk, or Alba Tours at annemariecairns@yahoo.co.uk: the form and refundable deposit is due on 28th February.

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 on Sunday 8th March and Sunday 28th March at 7:30pm.

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: Jean McGarry; Margaret Cook (Australia).

Months Minds: Catherine (Irene) Smith.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Agnes Rosalyn Thompson; Cathy Hawthorne; Ann Brown;
Margaret (Connor) Scott; Mary Sloey, Cathy 'Sloey' McMurray; Betty McSheffrey; Mary McCormick.

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.

Deaths: James McTaggart – Lomond Drive; Peter Paterson; David Hainey.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Alice Brookes; Michelle Campbell; Kathleen Duddy.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY

For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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 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 on 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 25th February 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 on Tuesday 10th March.

Children's Liturgy – Appeal for Volunteers – St Thomas'

Thank you to all those who came along to the meeting last Wednesday about The Children's Liturgy at the 11:30am Sunday Mass. More volunteers continue to be required to lead the Children's Liturgy as well as to assist with providing the Liturgy. If anyone would like to volunteer, perhaps you have done it before, or it is something you would like to do. It is a great opportunity, especially for S6 Caritas Candidates to add to their Parish service hours or any other parishioner, to assist our younger parishioners to hear and participate in the Mass. Training and resources are provided. If anyone would like to come along to see what is involved, then you would be more than welcome to do so. Please speak to Fr Kevin. Thank you in anticipation for your help and support.

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

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

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 25th February 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 14 th –	St Patrick's night; and
Saturday	April 25 th –	Ying Yang

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

St Thomas Primary School Choir

As we heard at the Christmas Carol Concert, St Thomas Primary School has an amazing choir. As part of the ongoing activities of the choir the school are asking for adults to join the choir along with the boys and girls of the school. If any parishioners are interested in joining the boys and girls as part of the choir please let Fr Kevin know in the 1st instance. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Lost Property

There is a growing collection of items in the lost property that have been left behind in the church recently. These include glasses, umbrellas and some other personal items, please look at the items located at the entrance to the church and reclaim any property that is yours. Items not claimed by 28th February will be donated to charity. Thank you.

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

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.