

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 5th SUNDAY OF LENT – 22nd March 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
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 Adoration and Benediction
Monday 23 rd March <i>St Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:05pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Growing in prayer	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Tuesday 24 th March	8:15am Mass 1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 25 th March <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 26 th March	8:15am Mass 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:05pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 27 th March	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass (Note change of time)	7:30am Mass 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 28 th March	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29 th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction



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
SSVP St Thomas - 07592 166154

SCIAF Annual Collection – 2026

On behalf of SCIAF, thank you for the contributions to the collection last week for SCIAF Sunday, 15th March. The prayers and generosity offered helps SCIAF support those most in need throughout the world, especially in Ethiopia, the focus of SCIAF's Appeal for this Year. The following amounts will be forwarded to SCIAF from our Parishes: St Ignatius - £2082.50, St Thomas - £794.50. Thank you so much

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 readings last week.

Lent 2026

The additional Masses, services and talks continue at St Ignatius and St Thomas, see overleaf of details for this coming week. 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 and all the family members coming along to the extra morning Masses.

Confessions for Easter

Confessions are available at the normal times in anticipation of the great celebration of Easter. Additional times are also available, please see overleaf for details of all Confessions at both St Ignatius and St Thomas Churches.

Holy Week and Paschal Triduum Services and Masses

A leaflet with details of all Holy Week and Paschal Triduum Services and Masses and Masses on Easter Sunday is available at the entrances of the Churches.

Altar Servers

In preparation for the Masses and Services due to take place during Holy Week and Easter, meetings of Altar Servers will take place on Monday 30th Monday at St Ignatius Church and on Tuesday 31st March at St Thomas. Both meetings will start at 5.00pm.

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.

Offertory Collections – 14th/15th March

St Ignatius - £1623.00 St Thomas - £872.00

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.

Assisted Suicide Bill – The Scottish Parliament

The Bishops of Scotland welcomed the rejection of the Assisted Suicide Bill by the Scottish Parliament last week. Thank you to everyone who contacted their MSP and we hope that all peoples will be able to receive the care they need in light of their individual circumstances. Particularly, that high quality and fully resourced palliative care services will be available to all. Also, we remember all those who are vulnerable in anyway and that they too will receive the appropriate services they need to also respect their dignity and value.

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 29th March at 7:30pm. For more info, email freilly@rcdom.org.uk

Collection for the Holy Places

A Collection for the Holy Places will take place on Good Friday – 3rd April.

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.

Election Briefing Pack for Scottish Parliament Election



The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has published an Election Briefing Pack ahead of the 2026 Scottish Parliament Election. This resource aims to guide Catholics in Scotland to engage thoughtfully and prayerfully in the democratic process, reflecting on their responsibilities as citizens and disciples of Jesus Christ. Scan the QR code or access the website: <https://rcppolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2026/> for more information.

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 are available at the entrances to the Churches.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Fr Kevin

Fr Kevin goes on Pilgrimage with HCPT Group 139 to Lourdes after the Easter Sunday Masses 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.

Financial and Other Reporting to Parishes

Following the submissions to the Diocese of Motherwell of the Annual Financial Returns for each Parish for the Year 2025, copies of the information contained in the return are available from the entrances to both Churches. In addition to financial information, details of Sacraments received and other items are included on a covering letter along with the financial information.

Divine Renovation – Parish Renewal Open House



Fr Ivan Boyle, Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Uddingston, invites all to participate in a day entitled **Divine Renovation – Parish Renewal Open House**, at St John the Baptist, Uddingston on Saturday 25th April 2026 from 0930-1700. Bishop Toal will preside at the closing Mass at 16:00 and the keynote speaker will be Fr James Mallon, founder of Divine Renovation ministries. Lunch will be provided. The day is free, please register for catering purposes at www.divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland or use the QR code.

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:.

Months Minds: Stephen Groome; Joe Cliens (St Aidan's).

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Catherine McMahon; Teresa Lynch; Liz Gallen;
David Reid & Joe Murray.

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; Mary & Danny McArdle.

Deaths: Mary McGurk..

Months Minds: James Hynds, Hughie Clark, Mary Clark, Joe Clark.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Harry Hughes; James Devine Snr;
Bessie Nash; The Groome Family.

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 Loyola Centre

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the meeting about the Loyola Centre on 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.

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

The teas, coffees and all continues this Wednesday 25th March in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass. There will be a break for 2 weeks during Holy Week and the first week of the School Easter Holidays. The teas and coffees will resume on Wednesday 15th April.

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. A total of £655 was raised for Parish Funds.

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.

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 Easter 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 25th March 2026 11:30am-2:30pm in the Parish Centre, after this there will be a break for 3 weeks during Holy Week and the first two weeks of Easter. The club will resume on Wednesday 22nd April. Thank you to those who work to provide, serve and attend the Wednesday club.

St Thomas’ Parish Centre

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

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 24 th April – 7:00pm – 11:30pm	Family Quiz Night
Sunday 7 th June – 12:30pm – 3:00pm	Family Fun Day
Friday 18 th 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. Please bring your own snacks. 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.