

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 25th January 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 25th January 2026 The 3rd Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 26th January <i>St Timothy & St Titus</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 27th January <i>St Angela Merici</i>	1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 28th January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Thursday 29th January	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 30th January	8:45am Rosary 9:15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st February 2026 The 4th Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

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

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Sunday of the Word of God

This Sunday, 25th January the Church celebrates The Sunday of the Word of God. This day was established by Pope Francis in 2019, a day "to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." This day seeks to remind us how essential the Word of God is to, and should be in, our lives.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group takes place this Sunday 25th January 2026 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.

Day by Day Booklets

Copies of the January 2025 Day by Day booklet are available from the Parish Stalls. These booklets provide the daily readings at Mass as well as quotes from Saints.

Franciscan Jubilee Year 2026-2027

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St Francis from 10th January 2026 to 10th January 2027 in recognition of the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

Subsequently, Bishop Toal has sent the following message to all in the Diocese of Motherwell: "We will begin the Franciscan Jubilee in the Diocese at St John Ogilvie's Church, Blantyre, on Monday 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, at the 7:00pm Mass. It is the World Day of Prayer for Religious, and it seems appropriate to mark the Feast and to begin the Franciscan Jubilee with the Poor Clare Sisters, who recently moved to St John Ogilvie's. All are invited, especially the Religious of the Diocese, and priests are welcome to concelebrate. I am designating St John Ogilvie's as a place of Pilgrimage throughout the Jubilee of St Francis. There will be an opportunity to reverence a relic of St Francis at the Monday Evening Mass in St John Ogilvie's each week. Those wishing to obtain the Plenary Indulgence are encouraged to attend this particular Mass. The instruction about fulfilling the requirements for obtaining the plenary indulgence [as part of the Jubilee Year] is as follows: *"To obtain the Plenary Indulgence during the Year of St Francis, certain conditions indicated by the Church must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Pope, interior detachment from sin, and the performance of certain works, such as pilgrimages to Franciscan churches, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of St Francis"*.

Vocations Evening

An evening for those considering a Vocation to the Priesthood will take place next Sunday 1st February at 7:30pm in the Cathedral House, Motherwell. Any man who is considering a vocation to the priesthood is invited along to this evening to join a time of prayer and discussion.

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 group will meet on the following dates; Sunday 8th February, Sunday 8th March and Sunday 28th March.

Natural Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way - Fertility Care Scotland

The Billings Ovulation Method® of Natural Fertility Regulation is a successful family planning method for couples having difficulty conceiving or simply wanting to plan a family safely and naturally. For further information or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland at info@fertilitycare.org.uk. Please also see Poster at the entrance to both Churches.

Diocesan Marriage, Family, and Life Mission

As part of Project **Wellspring** in the Diocese of Motherwell, a Diocesan Marriage, Family and Life Mission has been established. Bishop Toal has written a letter to all Diocesan priests and deacons regarding this additional Mission to **Wellspring**, copies of the letter are available at the entrances to both Churches. Part of the Mission is the identification of parishioners in every parish to establish the Mission in parishes and to represent the parish in the Diocesan Marriage, Family & Life Mission. 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 take a copy of the letter. Subsequently, if you are interested in becoming an ambassador and/or assisting with the Mission, please speak with Fr Kevin.

Bingo Night

A Bingo Night is due to take place this Friday 30th January in The Loyola Centre starting at 7:00pm with eyes down at 7:30pm. It will be a money bingo, tickets priced £10 includes bingo books, tea, coffee and biscuits. BYOB. The night is for Peter Covery a Parishioner at St Ignatius who is part of the Scottish Youth Group of HCPT Scotland and will assist with the cost of his fare to travel this coming Easter 2026 to Lourdes. See poster at the entrances of both Churches for more information including how to obtain tickets.

Offertory Collections – 17th/18th January –

St Ignatius - £1619.70 St Thomas - £874.90

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.

Gift Aid

Several people have recently asked to become members of the Gift Aid Schemes at both Parishes. Thank you so much to the individuals who have come forward and all those who are already members of the Gift Aid Schemes at St Ignatius' and at St Thomas' Parishes. If anyone else is interested in joining either of the Gift Aid Schemes, please speak with Fr Kevin. The forms that need to be used to join the Gift Aid Schemes are available from the entrances to the Churches and these can be completed and given to Fr Kevin also.

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.

Deaths: Alice Hynds; Kevin Baird; Mary Todd; Putzu Antonio; John Lindsay Jordan;

Months Minds: Millie Pearson.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Anne Porteous; Mary Rowley & Karen Donnelly;
James Gallacher Snr; Colin Scott.

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: John Jordan – Linhie Crescent; Grace Hogg – Jura Quadrant.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Kathy Hughes; Rachel O' Malley; Margaret Smith;
Anne Reilly; Liz Kelly.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God nourishes our lives and brings hope to our communities, building a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 3rd February 2026 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre; and
St Ignatius' – Monday 9th February 2026 at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

Diocesan Wellspring Pastoral Forum

The next Wellspring Pastoral Forum takes place this Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre. The Forum forms part of our shared diocesan journey of parish evangelisation, providing an opportunity to gather, listen and reflect together on how the Gospel is being proclaimed in our parishes today. Bishop Toal asks that all parishes are represented, and warmly encourages clergy, parish Wellspring representatives and parish teams to attend. Members of our Parishes' Wellspring Coordinating Teams are attending. If anyone else would like to attend, please let Fr Kevin know.

Financial Support in Scotland

A message from the Catholic Parliamentary Office of the Bishops Conference of Scotland: Don't Miss Out: Financial Help for Scots in 2026. As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit mygov.scot/benefits or use the QR code.



Sacraments – St Ignatius Parish and St Ignatius Primary School

Meetings will take place for all those parents and/or carers who wish to present their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (1st Confession), the Sacrament of the Eucharist (1st Holy Communion) and the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday 28th January in St Ignatius Church beginning at 6:00pm.

The meetings will take place as follows:

6:00pm - for children being presented for the Sacrament of Reconciliation;

6:30pm - for children being presented for the Sacrament of the Eucharist;

7:00pm - for children being presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Enrolment for all the Sacraments will take place at all the Masses over the weekend of 7th & 8th February.

The Parish of St Ignatius keeps in prayer all the children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacraments in the coming months.

The Loyola Centre

The works continue on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of The Loyola Centre. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers takes place this Monday 26th January at 6:30pm in the Loyola Centre. The meeting date has been brought forward to allow an update on the progress of the current building works to be given as well as to confirm the layout of the interior of the hall as part of the phase 3 works.

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

The teas, coffees and all continues this Wednesday 28th January in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

Information about future Parish Social Events will be made available in due course.

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

Thank you to all those who attended and volunteered to provide the coffee, tea, juice and sausage on a roll last week. The next coffee, tea, juice, sausage on a roll and all, will take place on Sunday 15th February after the 10:00am Mass in The Loyola Centre.

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

Thank you to all those who have and continue to lead the Children's Liturgy at the 11:30am Sunday Mass. More volunteers are required to lead the Children's Liturgy. If anyone would like to volunteer, perhaps you have done it before or it is something you would like to do, please speak with Fr Kevin. Thank you in anticipation for your help and support. A meeting for existing volunteers and those wishing to become volunteers will take place on Wednesday 4th February at 6:00pm 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 February 21st – Tom Jones (Robert Leonard);

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

Saturday April 25th – Ying Yang

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

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

The next coffee, tea, juice and all will take place next week on Sunday 1st February 2026 after the 11:30am Mass.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 28th January 2026 11:30am-2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Wishaw Community Foodbank – Letter of Thanks

A letter of thanks has been received from Wishaw Community Foodbank for the most recent donation from the Parish, the letter included the words – 'We are seeing increased demand for our services during these challenging times and really appreciate the support and prayers from across the community. It is thanks to your support and to the support of others like you that we can continue to serve the people of Wishaw and surrounding areas with food when they find themselves in need.'

St Thomas' SSVP Newsletter

The latest edition of the St Thomas' SSVP Newsletter is available from the entrance to the Church.