

St Ignatius of Loyola

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER – 26th APRIL 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 26 th April 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 27 th April	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 28 th April	1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Funeral Mass – Betty Miller
Wednesday 29 th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 30 th April <i>Pope St Pius V</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 1 st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9:15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 3 rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available at the
Sunday 10:00am Mass

St Thomas – available at the
Sunday 11:30am Mass

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations takes place this weekend, Sunday – 26th April – Good Shepherd Sunday. We are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. We also remember all those who follow their vocation as a single or married person.

Young people's group aged 18 – 30 years

The next meeting of the Young People's Group will take place this weekend on Sunday 26th April in St Ignatius Chapel House after the 6:00pm Mass in St Ignatius Church. Please remember to spread the word about this group to anyone who may be interested. At the Masses last weekend 18th/19th April members of the Young People's Group spoke about their involvement with the Young People's Group as well as their personal journey of faith, it is hoped that we will welcome more members to the group.

May Devotions

Starting next Sunday 3rd May, May Devotions - The Rosary and Benediction, will take place on the Sundays in May at 5.00pm in St Ignatius Church as we ask the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for all our intentions and those of the world, including the dignity of human life and for world peace. May Devotions will also take place in St Thomas' Church on Mondays at 7:00pm.

SCIAF wee boxes

Thank you to all those who have handed in their Wee Box. It would be appreciated if any remaining boxes be handed-in as soon as possible and all monies will be forwarded to SCIAF. Thank you for your support.

Fontes

The latest edition of Fontes - the Diocesan Monthly Magazine is available at the entrances to the Churches.

Aidan Kelly

Once again, we thank Aidan for all did whilst on his placement with us and we wish him many blessings on his next part of his vocation journey. Please keep all seminarians, deacons and priests in your prayers.

Aidan gives thanks to everyone for their kindnesses and best wishes as he came to the end of his placement. Several Parishioners in both Parishes asked about making a presentation to Aidan, Subsequently, from next Sunday 26th April, envelopes will be available at both Parishes to allow contributions to be made.

Celebrations of First Holy Communion

On Saturday, 9th May at 11.00am at St Ignatius Church and Saturday 16th May at 10.00am at St Thomas Church, children of the Parishes will receive their First Holy Communion. We keep all the children and their families in our prayers as they continue to prepare for this very special day in their lives.

Parish Stalls

A selection of gifts and cards in anticipation of the celebration of First Holy Communion are available from the Parish Stalls located at the entrances to the Churches. Also, a selection of other items for children and adults including rosary beads, prayer books, devotional candles, mass and other types of cards and many other items to help us all on our journey of faith and our life of prayer are also available.

Ascension Thursday

Thursday the 14th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

St Ignatius Church - Wednesday 13th May - 7:00pm
Thursday 14th May - 9:30am
St Thomas Church - Thursday 14th May - 11:00am
Thursday 14th May - 7:00pm

Offertory Collections –

18th /19th April

St Ignatius - £1788.00 St Thomas - £779.80

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.



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland - Camp Out for Hope!

A message from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland) – “ACN Scotland are excited to invite you to the Camp Out for Hope! This will be a powerful event to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Come along for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn how you can make a real difference in the lives of others, and time to relax and build new friendships!

Join us on Saturday, 30th May - Sunday, 31st May at Carfin Grotto from 8pm - 8am. Head to trybooking.com to sign up or scan the QR code. Spaces are limited, so signing up is essential! Signing up is free, and there is a special fundraising element woven into this event. Every bit helps - but the more we raise the more lives are changed! £50 is a great starting point. When you sign up, you'll get a fundraising pack and a link to join our JustGiving team page.

Contact ACN Scotland at scotland@acnuk.org or 01698 337 470 for more information. Note that you must be age 16+ to participate.”

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://rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2026/> for more information.

Election Husting

Bishop Toal has requested that an Election husting take place in North and South Lanarkshire for the upcoming Parliamentary Election. The North Lanarkshire husting will take place in St Bride's Centre, Motherwell, this Tuesday the 28th April at 1.30pm. Everyone is invited. The SNP, Labour, Greens, Liberal Democrats, Conservative and Reform Parties have confirmed their attendance. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for more information.

SCIAF Sacrament Cards

A message from SCIAF – “We now have sacrament cards available to buy for a small donation to SCIAF.” See poster on display on the noticeboards at the entrances to both Churches.

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: John McGhee; John Devine; Kenneth Brady; Eddie McCluskey; Patricia McCourt; Fr Jim Casey.

Months Minds: Patrick McEwan.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Anne McKidd; Henry Stark; Ellen Wilson; Matthew Sloey;
Theresa McShane; Margaret Molloy; Edward Stewart Snr.

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; Joseph Boyle.

Deaths: Betty Miller – Alexander Street; John Devine – Lomond Drive;
Daniel Scullion; Arthur McCumiskey.

Months Minds: Elizabeth Blair & Jim Blair.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Isa Shannon; Joe Lunny; Annie Callan; Pricilla Pollock; Barry Duncan;
Nan McLaughlin; John Larkin Snr; Annette Cooper; Edward Cooper.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 Ignatius' – Monday 1st June 2026 at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House; and
St Thomas' – Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre.

The Loyola Centre

The existing part of the Loyola Centre has been taken over by the Building Contractor as part of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of the entire Centre. Subsequently, the Centre will not be available for use until further notice. The next meeting of the volunteers of the Loyola Centre will take place this week, on Tuesday 28th April at 7:00pm, in St Ignatius Chapel House.

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

Thank you to all who continued to attend the teas, coffees and all. In light of the temporary closure of the existing part of the Loyola Centre, teas, coffees and all will not be available until further notice. Thank you to everyone who have provided this service on Wednesday mornings.

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

Thank you to all who attended the sausage on a roll, teas, coffees and all on Easter Sunday. Again, due to the temporary closure of the existing part of the Loyola Centre, sausage on a roll, teas, coffees and all on Sundays will not be available until further notice. Thank you to those who have provided this service to the Parish.

Cash Bingo

A cash bingo will take place in St Thomas' Parish Centre on Friday 22nd May at 7:30pm. £8 for all books. All proceeds to St Ignatius Parish. Donations towards the bingo night raffle will be greatly appreciated. These can be handed in after all weekend Masses, or to the Chapel House. Thank you for all those who have already donated prizes, your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Thank you to everyone who went along to the coffee, tea, juice and all on Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026, after the 11:30am Mass. Thank you to those who provide and attend this monthly Parish get together. The next coffee, tea and all will take place next week on Sunday 3rd May after the 11:30am Mass.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 29th April, 11:30am-2:30pm. Thank you to those who work to provide, serve and attend the Wednesday Club.

St Thomas' Wellspring Coordinating Group – Parish Family Events

The Wellspring Coordinating Group wish to extend thanks to those who supported the Family Quiz night on Friday 24th April, through the donations of prizes and those who came along to enjoy the fun and entertainment. A great time was had by all. Thank you also to those who organised, prepared for, provided and ran the activities during the evening.

The Group is organising some further family events that will take place in The Parish Centre in the coming months;

Sunday 7th June – 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Family Fun Day

Friday 18th September – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Family Race Night

Family Fun Day – Can you help?

The Wellspring Coordinating Group of St Thomas' is hosting a Family Funday – a day for all to come together as a community to celebrate our faith, and provide a safe, joyful space for our children while making a positive impact in our Parish and community and fulfilling the missions of Wellspring.

We are looking for donations for our raffle prizes, tombola, or games stalls. Whether it is a bottle of wine, a new toy, unwanted gift sets, or a voucher, your donation will be gratefully received. A box will be placed at the entrance to the church for any donation. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

If you would like to help at the Family Fun Day, please leave your details with Fr Kevin, or a volunteer at the entrance to the Church and a member of the Wellspring Coordinating Group will contact you.

St Thomas Parish – Finance Committee

As required by the Church operating as the Diocese of Motherwell a Parish Finance Committee for St Thomas' Parish has now been established. The Committee exists to assist Fr Kevin as Parish Priest with all matters pertaining to the finances of the Parish. Currently members of the Committee are: Marie Therese Bowie; Pat O'Donnell; Eileen O'Neill; Gerry Paterson; Ian Stevenson and Fr Kevin.

