

St Ignatius of Loyola

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PALM SUNDAY – 29th March 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 29 th March PALM SUNDAY	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction
Monday 30 th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Growing in prayer	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Tuesday 31 st March	8:15am Mass 1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass 6:00pm – 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:05pm – 6:55pm Confessions
Wednesday 1 st April	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 1:00pm Funeral Mass - Marie Reilly	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 2 nd April HOLY THURSDAY	8:30am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9:45pm Night Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9:00pm Night Prayer
Friday 3 rd April GOOD FRIDAY	8:30am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Good Friday Service 7:00pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross	9:45am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Good Friday Service 6:00pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 4 th April HOLY SATURDAY	8:30am Morning Prayer 8:30pm Easter Vigil	9:45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 5 th April EASTER SUNDAY	10:00am Mass No 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Sunday Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Sunday Mass

Candidates to be received into the Catholic Church

We continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers, Hailey, Nicola and Shannon who will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil next Saturday 4th April when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

After the Easter Vigil there will be a Celebration in the Loyola Centre to which, as well as all Hayleigh's, Nicola's and Shannon's families and friends being invited to come along, all Parishioners, are welcome to come along too.

Lent 2026

Additional Masses, services and talk continue at St Ignatius and St Thomas up until and including on Wednesday of this Holy Week, see overleaf for details of these and all Masses and Services taking place this Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Copies of the leaflet made available last week continue to be available too.

Thank you to all who have attended the extra Masses, Stations of the Cross and Adoration. It has been 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 this Holy Week in anticipation of the great celebration of Easter, please see overleaf for details of all Confessions at both St Ignatius and St Thomas Churches. On Monday 2 visiting priests will be available to hear Confessions in St Ignatius Church between 6:00pm-7:00pm.

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 this week on Monday 30th Monday at St Ignatius Church and on Tuesday 31st March at St Thomas. Both meetings will start at 5.00pm.

Young people's group aged 18 – 30 years

We thank the members of the Young People's Group who led the Stations of the Cross and read from the Scriptures last week during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and all during Lent at St Thomas' Church.

The next Young People's Group will take place on Sunday 26th April in St Ignatius Chapel House after the 6:00pm Mass in St Ignatius Church. At the Masses on the weekend of the 18th/19th April members of the Young People's Group will speak about their involvement with the Young People's Group as well as their personal journey of faith. In doing so it is hoped that other young people become part of the Group.

Offertory Collections – 21st / 22nd March

St Ignatius - £1674.00 St Thomas - £760.80

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.

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

Motherwell Diocesan Choir - Invitation

The Motherwell Diocesan invites everyone to join them on Tuesday 31st March at 7:30pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell – for 'The Last Words of Christ' an evening of choral music, plainsong and traditional hymns reflecting on the Passion of Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Collection for the Holy Places

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

SCIAF wee boxes

Thank you to all those who have handed in their Wee Box already. Please continue to hand them in until the 3rd Sunday of Easter – 4th May. Thank you.

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 next weekend 4th/5th April are available at the entrances to the Churches.

St Ignatius The Loyola Centre: 07759 459988
SSVP St Ignatius - 07763 665852

St Thomas Parish Centre: 07857 134992
SSVP St Thomas - 07592 166154

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.

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 continue to be 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.

Walking pilgrimage from Motherwell to St Andrews

"We are organising a Diocesan walking pilgrimage from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews, walking around 10-12 miles each Tuesday, starting on 7th April and finishing on 9th June. There is no charge for the pilgrimage – the only cost will be for transport back to our starting point.

If you would like to join us, or would like more details, contact Jim McKelvie at pilgrimage@rcdom.org.uk or call 07957 847290."

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.

Deaths: Patrick McEwan – Leighton Street; Marie (Keating) Reilley formerly Low Main Street;
Fay Murphy; Mary Wood (Airdrie); Stephen Groome; Margaret McAuley; George Pollock.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Charles, Bridget, Philip Mulholland; Mary Morgan; Edward Burns;
Rose Kelly, Mary Laven, Cathy Kelly; James McElroy; Dennis Kennedy

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: Margaret McAuley.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Betty Healy (Craigneuk); James Devine (Snr); Betty Brookes;
Tony Conway; Carolyn Wands; David Wands; Meg & Harry MacDonald; Charlie Gallacher.

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

The next meeting of the volunteers of the Loyola Centre will take place on Tuesday 28th April at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

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

The teas, coffees and all on Wednesdays will take a break for 2 weeks during Holy Week and the first week of Easter. The teas, coffees and all will resume on Wednesday 15th April.

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 next week 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 next week 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 will have 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.