

St Ignatius of Loyola

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 21st DECEMBER 2025

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 21st December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass 7:00pm Reception – Larry McGuire	11:30am Mass
Monday 22nd December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Larry McGuire 6:00pm – 7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm – 7:00pm Confessions	No Mass
Tuesday 23rd December	1:00pm Mass 6:00pm – 7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:05pm - 6:50pm Confessions	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 4:00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas 8:30pm Carols 9:00pm First Mass of Christmas	5:30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
Thursday 25th December Christmas Day	10:00am Mass of Christmas	11:30am Mass of Christmas
Friday 19th December <i>St Stephen</i>	10:30am Mass	11:30am Mass
Saturday 20th December <i>St John</i>	9:30am Mass 9:55am-11:00am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st November The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Mass

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

Advent

We continue our preparation for Christmas in this 4th week of Advent. If you are able, why not come along to Weekday Mass. Also, this Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December, St Ignatius Church will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place. Why not come along and spend some time in personal prayer in anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

Confession for Christmas

A reminder – during Advent we are encouraged to prepare for Christmas through prayer, in other ways, and by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession. This Monday 22nd December Confession will be available with a visiting priest between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in St Ignatius Church.

Christmas and New Year Masses

A leaflet detailing the times of Masses for Christmas and the start of the New Year Masses are available at the entrance to both Churches. Please take a leaflet for each family/household and please take a leaflet(s) to give to a friend and/or neighbour who may not be currently coming to Mass.

Altar Servers

The Parishes greatly appreciate all those who are currently altar servers and it would be great to have more children and young people serve at our Masses. If any other children and young people would like to become altar servers, please let Fr Kevin know. A meeting will take place lasting no longer than 45 minutes for all existing and new servers, this Monday 22nd December in St Ignatius Church and this Tuesday 23rd December in St Thomas Church, both beginning at 4:00pm.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group will take place on Sunday 4th 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.

Fontes

The latest edition of the Motherwell Diocesan Magazine – Fontes is available from the entrance to the Church.

Christmas Message – Bishop Toal

Copies of Bishop Toal's Christmas Message are available at the entrance to the Churches.



A message from Bishop Toal, "The Jubilee Year 2025 is to conclude in Dioceses across the world on Sunday 28th December, the Feast of the Most Holy Family. The Jubilee will conclude in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. I will celebrate the Closing Mass for Motherwell Diocese in the Cathedral that morning at 10.30am. I invite each parish to send two delegates to the Mass on 28th December."

If anyone would like to attend the Mass on 28th December on behalf of St Ignatius Parish, please let Fr Kevin know.

Latest newsletter from National Marriage, Family and Life Commission

Copies of the latest newsletter from the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission of the Bishops Conference of Scotland are available from the entrances to the Churches. An electronic copy can be accessed by using the following link - <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/>

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood

A message from Bishop Toal, "I would wish to encourage you to think and pray about the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. Now is a good time to come forward, either speaking to your parish priest or contacting the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Charles O'Farrell, at frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk.

Latest newsletter from Justice and Peace Scotland

Copies of the latest newsletter from Justice and Peace Scotland, a Commission of the Bishops Conference of Scotland are available from the entrances to the Churches. An electronic copy can be accessed by using the following link - <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>

Western Catholic Calendar 2026

The Western Catholic Calendar is available from the Parish Stalls priced £3.50.

Collections – 13th 14th December –

Offertory Collection

St Ignatius - £1567.00

St Thomas - £854.70

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

St Ignatius Parish

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Pauline & Michael Wilson; 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; Alice Hynds.

Deaths: Larry McGuire – Ivanhoe Crescent; Anne Evans; Una Sullivan; Ella Devlin.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Margaret Dolan (Hamilton); Harry Higgins; Daniel Mooney, Margaret Cowan; William McGowan, Charles, John & Elen Felvus, Billy Higgins; Francis Callaghan, Isobel McCamley, Eddie Boyle, Catherine Callaghan, Alice McAllister; Tommy Meechan Jnr & Joe Mitchell; John Wilson, Ellen Jane Casey. Mairead Cassidy; Patrick Downs; John McTear.

Christmas Remembrances: Thomas Christopher Young; Sloey Family, Anna & Jim McStay; Patrick, Elizabeth, Michael, Margaret & Tony Larkin, Alice Hynds, Anne Morrow; Rose Lee; Jimmy, Maureen, Jane McKay, Harry, Kathleen & Paul McCabe; Jean Cullen, The Cullen Family, The Pollock Family, Denis Doyle, Frank Cassidy; Bernard & Mary Morgan & Mairead Cassidy; Elizabeth & Hugh Devlin, John, Margaret & John Buchanan; Robert & Ethel McKirdy; William, Bill, Bridget Blair; Robert, Marion & Eliz. Gallacher; Michael, Flora, Michelle O'Donnel; Mary Ann Dorricott; James King; John & Margaret Higgins, Cathy Higgins; Larry O'Rourke, Gerry McAleer, Jim Dillon, The Feenan Family, The Greechan Family, Joseph Feenan; Anne McKidd; Power & Caldwell Family; Matthew & Teresa Lynch; Sadie, Malcolm and Thomas Gray; Eddie Muir; Betty McSheffrey; Margaret Haggerty; The Gray Family; The Muir Family.

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: Ella Devlin; Tommy Dougan.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Tommy Meechan; Ester Muir; Annie Hastie; Arthur Cooper; Joseph (Joe) Mitchell; Rose Forrest; Sadie Moorhead; John James McGuire, Anne McGuire Snr.

Christmas Remembrances: Pat & Cissie Lynch, Pat Lynch Jnr, Joseph Lynch Jnr, James McEwan, Walter & Agnes McEwan, Agnes McQuade, Anne McMenemy, Jean Sharkey; Emilio & Agnes Di Mambro, Hilda Di Mambro, Frances Quither, Patricia McCash, Joe Albanoski (NY), Joesphine Bellagamba (NY), Sandy Strang, Agnes O'Hare, Eddie McGeough; George & Jane Higgins, Frank & Susan Higgins, Joe & Jean Higgins; Moorhead Family, Cooper Family, Anna Henry, Jean Convery, Linden Family, Peter Linden; George & Elizabeth Lamb & Moira; Richard, Alice & James McEwan; The O'Neill Family: Tommy, Lizzie, Bernard, Johnny, James Jnr, Teresa Burns, The Harkins Family: John, Mary, Charles & John; Jimmy & Catherine Malone, Margaret Anderson, Danny, Rose, Daniel & Roderick Burns; Jim & Anna McStay, William & Helen McStay; John & Sadie McStay; Elizabeth Baird, Owen & Mattie McCabe, Donald & Agnes Skiffington, Cathie McMurray, The Sloey Family, Jimmy & Annie Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Jack Morris, Mary Delaney; John & Betty MacFarlane; John & Rose McCann; Tommy & Maragret McCann; John McCann; John, Christina, Jimmy, Joe MacFarlane; John & Rachel Neill; Jim Lynch Sr & Jr; Tome, Eileen & Ashleigh Lennon; Matthew, Joseph & Grace Steppie & Steppie Family; James, Rachel, Patrick, Eileen O'Malley & O'Malley Family; Rose & Michael Keenan; Gerry Bradley; Brian O'Neill; Annie Stafford; Jean Kinsella; Mary Boyden; Phyliss McLaughlin; Maragret McCann.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation 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.”

The next meetings of the Parishes’ Project Wellspring Co-ordinating Groups are:
St Ignatius’ - Monday 5th January 2026 at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House; and
St Thomas’ - Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre.

The Loyola Centre

The “enabling works” continued until Friday 19th December and commencing on the 5th January works will commence on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of the Loyola Centre. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers will take place on Tuesday 6th January at 6:30pm in the Loyola Centre.

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

Thank you to all those who attended and provided the teas, coffees and all last week. Teas, coffees and all will recommence on Wednesday 7th January in the Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

Thank you to all those who supported the Santa Fun Day and to those who helped in any way. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

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 Sunday, 18th January after the 10:00am Mass.

Foodbank Appeal

Wishaw Foodbank have been in touch with the Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference highlighting a need currently for rice pudding, tinned meat, tins of fruit, tins of tuna, pasta sauce. Also, toiletries and toilet rolls. Donations can be left at the entrance to St Ignatius Church behind the Parish Stall and these will be forwarded on to the Foodbank. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

St Thomas’ Parish Centre

The Parish Centre at St. Thomas’ is available for functions and events.

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	January 25 th –	Murder Mystery Night;
Saturday	February 22 nd –	Dance with the Wards;
Saturday	March 15 th –	St Patrick’s Dance; and
Saturday	April 26 th –	Neil Diamond/Kenny Rodgers

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

The Giving Tree

Thank you to all who donated to The Giving Tree, once again the support and generosity for this initiative along with St Thomas Primary School was tremendous.

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 Sunday 1st February 2026.

Wednesday Warmer – St Thomas Parish Centre

Thank you to all who came along to the Wednesday Warmer over the past weeks and to all those who prepare and provide the coffees, teas and all. The next Wednesday Warmer will take place on Wednesday 7th January 2026 11:30am-2:30pm.

St Thomas’ SSVP Senior Citizens Party – Orders

The annual SSVP Senior Citizens Party will take place on Sunday 11th January 2026, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Please speak to a volunteer at the entrance to the church to place your name and food order on the list. Please also indicate if you require transport on the day. The date for final orders will be Sunday 28th December.

Prizes for the raffle at this event would be welcomed, they can be handed in to the Sacristy after Mass.