

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – 8th March 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 8 th March The 3rd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass 7:15pm – Reception - Mary Boyle	11:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by a SCIAF Presentation
Monday 9 th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Mary Boyle 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Growing in prayer	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Tuesday 10 th March <i>St John Ogilvie</i>	8:15am Mass 1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 11 th March	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	8:30am Mass (In St Thomas Primary School)
Thursday 12 th March	8:15am Mass 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 7:00pm – Sacrament of Confirmation	NO 6:00pm Adoration NO 6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions NO 7:00pm Mass
Friday 13 th March	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass (Note change of time)	7:30am Mass 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 14 th March	NO 9:30am Mass or Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	9:30am Mass 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 15 th March The 4th Sunday of Lent and SCIAF Sunday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass 7:15pm Reception – Mary McGhee	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
SSVP St Ignatius - 07763 665852

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

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 organised the presentation last week. Thank you to Raymond Kawase Youth and Evangelisation Worker from St John the Baptist's Parish Uddingston who gave a moving and uplifting testimony of his journey of faith in and from Uganda to Scotland.

Ash Wednesday and Lent 2026

As we continue our Lenten journey, additional Masses, services and talks are available at St Ignatius and St Thomas, see overleaf of details for this coming week. A reminder that this year the Mass location for the additional morning Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays at St Thomas', these will take place at 8:30am in St Thomas' Primary School, all parishioners are welcome to attend as well as the boys and girls and their families and/or carers. Also, the Friday Morning Mass at St Ignatius will start at 9:00am. In addition to the additional Masses and Services, on Mondays in Lent there is the opportunity to participate in a course to help us enter more deeply into prayer over the six weeks of Lent. The course continues to take place after the Stations of the Cross on Mondays in St Ignatius Chapel House.

Thank you to all who 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 as well as all the family members coming along to the morning Masses. Thank you also to all who came to the reflection on Prayer last Sunday evening.

Baptism of children at Primary School preparing for The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thank you to all the families from St Ignatius and St Thomas Parishes who have attended the sessions as part of the preparation to have their children baptised prior to being presented for the Sacrament of Reconciliation - First Confession. We pray for the children and their families who were Baptised in St Ignatius last Sunday, and those from St Thomas' who will be baptised this Sunday.

SCIAF Wee Boxes, Annual Collection – 2026 and Presentation

The Wee Box as part of the SCIAF Lenten Appeal for 2026 are available from the entrance to the Churches. Also available are Gift Aid envelopes that can be used next Sunday 15th March when the Annual SCIAF Collection will be taken up. Thank you in anticipation of your support on behalf of SCIAF and all they do to support those in need throughout the world, especially in Ethiopia the focus of SCIAF's Appeal for this Year. This Sunday, 8th of March after Stations of the Cross there will be a presentation from SCIAF in St Thomas' Parish Centre.

Time of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A time of recollection for all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in both Parishes will take place next Saturday 14th March from 10.00am – 2.00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre. This will be a time of prayer and recollection in support of these ministries within the Parishes. Also, during the time together all existing Readers and Ministers will be Recommissioned, and new ones will be Commissioned.

Offertory Collections – 28th February/1st March

St Ignatius - £1574.00 St Thomas - £804.90

2nd Collection – Sick and Retired Priests

St Ignatius - £1159.00 St Thomas - £567.60

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.

Second Collection – Sick and Retired Priests

Thank you to those who contributed to the second collection last weekend, taken for Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese of Motherwell.

Assisted Suicide Bill – The Scottish Parliament

As was read at all Masses last weekend, The Bishops of Scotland have written a Pastoral Letter in anticipation of the forthcoming Final Assisted Suicide Vote due to take place at the Scottish Parliament. Copies of the letter and information, including a QR Code to contact MSPs are available at the entrance to the Churches.

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 8th March at 7:30pm. For more info, email freilly@rcdom.org.uk

The Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through separation, divorce or death. The weekend will take place from 27th – 29th March 2026 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact: Louise on 07786 687631 or email: beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com Completed Applications must be returned **by 13th March 2026**. See poster at the entrances to the Churches for more details.

Pioneer Short-term pledge for Lent

Leaflets regarding the Short-term pledge for Lent from The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are available at the entrance to the Churches.

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

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: Mary Boyle – Formerly Kirk Road; Mary McGhee – Lammermuir Terrace; Marie Kelly;
Sandra Grant; Mary Hamill.

Months Minds: Larry McGuire;

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Jim Brady; Anne Mimnaugh; Gerard O'Brien; Sarah McCulloch;
Bernard Bradley; Gerry McAleer.

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.

Deaths: Mary McGhee formerly Lomond Drive.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: John Fegan; John McGlone.

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Parish continues to keep all the children and their families in their thoughts and prayers after the children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Ignatius Church for the 1st time last Wednesday 4th March. Thank you to all the families and the teachers and staff of St Ignatius Primary School who helped to prepare the children.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Toal comes to St Ignatius Church this Thursday 12th March at 7:00pm to confer on members of the Primary 7 Class at St Ignatius Primary School the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask that all the children and their families are remembered in our prayers.

The Loyola Centre

The next meeting of the volunteers will take place this Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

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

The teas, coffees and all continues this Wednesday 11th March in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

200 Club Winners for February

1st – 33: Giovanna Colquhoun; 2nd – 115: Jane McCarron.

St Ignatius Parish Quiz Night

Thank you to those who organised, provided, attended or contributed in any way to the Parish Quiz Night last Friday 6th March in the Loyola Centre, it was a great night and 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 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.

Wishaw Foodbank

Wishaw Foodbank have been in touch with the St Vincent De Paul of St Ignatius Parish to ask if members of the Parish can assist with items they are currently needing. Specifically, asking for help with various items including tins of custard, tins of meat, long-life milk and toilet rolls. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Parish continues to keep all the children and their families in prayer as the children continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Thomas Church for the 1st time this Tuesday 10th March.

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 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 11th March 2026 11:30am-2:30pm 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 March 14th – St Patrick's night – sold out; and

Saturday April 25th – Ying Yang

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

Ministries and Roles within St Thomas' Parish – Sign-up Sunday

Thank you to those who attended the coffee, teas, juices and all last Sunday for 'Sign up Sunday' to find out more about ways in which you can serve the Parish in various ministries and roles. New volunteers have come forward for the roles and ministries that are required. However, please remember that 'Many hands make light work,' and if anyone else is interested then please speak to Fr Kevin or any volunteer at the entrance of the Church.

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 availability of tickets etc will follow. At the moment 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.

The current planned family events are;

Friday 24th April – 7:30pm – 11:30pm

Sunday 7th June – 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Friday 18th September – 7:30pm – 11:30pm

Family Quiz Night

Family Fun Day

Family Race Night