

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 4th January 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 4th January 2026 The Epiphany of The Lord	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 5th January	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 6th January	1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 7th January <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Thursday 8th January	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 9th January	8:45am Rosary 9:15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 10th January	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th January 2026 The Baptism of The Lord	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

St Ignatius – Off until
11th January 2026

St Thomas – Off until
11th January 2026

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The Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday, 4th January is the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Then, next Sunday, 11th January is the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide. The cribs will be put away after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas Message – Bishop Toal

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

Young people aged 18 years and over group

The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group will take place next Sunday 11th 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.

Western Catholic Calendar 2026

The Western Catholic Calendar 2026 is available from the Parish Stalls priced £3.50.

**Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace and
Second Collection – Justice and Peace Commission**

This Sunday, 4th January, is a Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace and a Second Collection also takes place for the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland in support of their work. Copies of the Report by the Commission for 2025 are available at the entrances to the Churches.

Justice and Peace Motherwell Diocese

The next meeting of the Diocesan Justice & Peace Group is on Thursday 8th January at 7:30 pm. It will be held on Zoom. If you would like to join the meeting, please email paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk for the Zoom link. The Group will be exploring Pope Leo's recent Urbi et Orbi address and how Motherwell Diocese can respond to it. All are welcome.

The Cribs and St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society

The Cribs remains in place until The Feast of Baptism of the Lord. All are encouraged to make a special effort to visit the cribs and encourage our children to visit also. As in previous years, all donations left at the Crib in the Church will be forwarded onto St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society, formerly known as St Margaret's Adoption Society. For more information on the work of the Society, please see their website: <https://stmargaretsadoption.org.uk> or Telephone 0141 332 8371.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who helped in any way to prepare for and participated in the Christmas Masses. May God Bless you all for your time and support.

Personal Thank You from Fr Kevin and Aidan Kelly

Fr Kevin and Aidan Kelly give a personal thank you to all for the thoughts, prayers and gifts given this Christmas, your kindness and ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Activity sheets for Children

A wee reminder, the activity sheets for children in Primary 1 to Primary 4 – Look and Ichthus for children in Primary 5 to Primary 7 are available at all weekend Masses. Coloured pencils are available, please return these to the case provided after Mass.



Offertory Collections – 27th/28th December –

St Ignatius - £1592.00 St Thomas - £818.80

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.

**Collections at Vigil Masses, First Mass of Christmas
and Masses on Christmas Day**

St Ignatius - £4087.00 St Thomas - £1659.20

Thank you so much to all for the contributions to the collections at the Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day in both Parishes.

St Andrew's Hospice – Volunteers for shops

Siobhan Keenan, Area Manager of the St Andrew's Hospice shops has contacted to advise that St Andrew's Hospice are currently looking for Volunteers within their shops including their Wishaw Shop. Further information is available on the poster at the entrance to the Church and leaflets are also available.

Bingo Night

A Bingo Night is due to take place on 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.

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.

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; Jax Martin.

Deaths: Alice Hynds – Stewarton Street; Kevin Baird.

Months Minds: Larry McGuire.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Mary & Edward Stewart; Mary McCann; Jim Dillon; Agnes Skiffington; Patrick Henry; James Carlin.

Christmas Remembrances: Thomas Christopher Young; Sloey Family, Anna & Jim McStay; Patrick, Elizabeth, Michael, Margaret & Tony Larkin, Rose Lee; Robert & Ethel McKirdy; 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; 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; Andrew Ainslie; Elizabeth Ainslie; Ainslie Family; William Nolan; Catherine Nolan; Peter Murphy; Milda Murphy; Rob Payne; Peter Murphy; Vincent, Ciaran Reilly; Pat & Nancy McMahon; Joseph, Catherine Reilly; Mary Martinus; Robert Martinus; Nicky Martinus; Robbie Halliday; Robert Halliday (Sn); Anne Marie Bradshaw; Peter & Kathryn Reardon; Lorraine Catherine Fitzsimmons; Frank & Ann (Nan) Devine.

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: Raymond Cullen; Tommy Murphy (Bellshill).

Months Minds:.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Jeannie Meechan.

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; Margaret McCann; Thomas & Mary McMahon; Thomas & Lily Mair; Wullie Hassan.

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 Ignatius’ – This 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.

Diocesan Wellspring Pastoral Forum

The next Wellspring Pastoral Forum takes place on 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.

The Loyola Centre

The “enabling works” continued until Friday 19th December and starting this Monday 5th January works will begin on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of The Loyola Centre. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers will take place this Tuesday 6th January at **7:30pm** in the Loyola Centre.

200 Club Winners for December

1st Prize – No. 198: Nathaniel Gray, 2nd Prize – No. 180 – Aiden Quinn.

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

The teas, coffees and all recommences this Wednesday 7th January in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass, all welcome.

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

The next coffee, tea, juice, sausage on a roll and all, takes place on Sunday, 18th January after the 10:00am Mass.

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 24 th –	Soul night with Robert McIntosh;
Saturday	February 21 st –	Tom Jones (Robert Leonard);
Saturday	March 14 th –	St Patrick’s night; and
Saturday	April 25 th –	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 on Sunday 1st February 2026.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The next Wednesday Club will take place this Wednesday 7th January 2026 11:30am-2:30pm. Thank you to all who made donations at the Wednesday Club, a total of £752.19 was received up to and including 17th December and this will be used to assist with the purchase of items for the Church including the replacement of the candle holders for the Altar, acolyte candles used by the Altar Servers and refurbishment of a Parish Chalice.

St Thomas’ SSVP Senior Citizens Party

The annual SSVP Senior Citizens Party will take place next Sunday 11th January 2026, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Prizes for the raffle at this event would be welcomed, they can be handed in to the Sacristy after Mass.

St Thomas’ SSVP Newsletter

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