

St Ignatius of Loyola

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY – 14th DECEMBER 2025

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 14th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 15th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 5:30pm – Reception – Ella Devlin	No Mass
Tuesday 16th December	11:30am Funeral Mass – Ella Devlin 6:00pm – 7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:05pm - 6:50pm Confessions	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 17th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Gerry Cook	No Mass
Thursday 18th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	10:30am Mass 6:00pm - 6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 19th December	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 20th December	9:30am Mass 9:55am-11:00am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st November <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	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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SSVP St Thomas - 07592 166154

Advent

We continue our preparation for Christmas in this 3rd week of Advent. If you are able, why not come along to Weekday Mass as detailed above to help with your Christmas preparation.

Also, continuing this Tuesday 16th 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. The opportunity for Confession, including additional times, are shown above for this coming week. Also, on Monday 22nd December Confession will be available with a visiting priest between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in St Ignatius Church.

SPRED

Thank you to all the members of the Diocese of Motherwell SPRED Group who came along to the 10:00am Mass last Sunday. Thank you also to the volunteers from St Ignatius Parish who provided the teas, coffees and all after the Mass in the Loyola Centre.

Welcome – The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Over the last two weekends we welcomed in a special way, Hailey, Nicola and Shannon. All made a public acknowledgement of their wish to be part of the Catholic Church with an intention to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by receiving the Sacraments of The Holy Eucharist and The Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter next year, 2026. We continue to assure them of our prayers and support.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group will take place this Sunday 14th December 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.

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, on Monday 22nd December in St Ignatius Church and on Tuesday 23rd December in St Thomas Church, both beginning at 4:00pm.

The Dedication of Motherwell Cathedral and the 150th Anniversary of the Parish

In celebration of the Dedication of Motherwell Cathedral and the 150th Anniversary of the Parish, Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) will take place this Sunday at 5:00pm and this Monday Mass will take place at 7:00pm, both in Motherwell Cathedral. All are welcome to attend both these events.

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.

Christmas Cards and Calendars and Christmas Stamps

The Parish Stalls have on display a selection of Christmas Cards and Calendars available to buy. Please buy and send Christian cards and use Christian Stamps that are available from Post Offices, you may need to ask for them. All help to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

St Aidan's High School – Christmas Concerts

Details of the Christmas Concert and Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert taking place at St Aidan's High School this week on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December are available on the posters on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.



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, as we begin Advent, 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. Earlier this year there were a number of evenings for those considering the priesthood, and there will be another gathering at the Cathedral House, Motherwell, this Sunday 14th December at 7.30pm. Those who attended previously will be most welcome, along with any others who are thinking about their possible vocation. Fr O'Farrell and I will host this event."

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>

Carols by Candlelight

The Motherwell Diocesan Choir presents three evenings of Carols by Candlelight. These take place this Sunday 14th December at St Teresa's Newarthill, Wednesday 17th December at Motherwell Cathedral and at St Bridget's Bailleston next Sunday 21st December at 7:30pm. Free admission. See poster at the entrance to both Churches.

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.

Deaths: Gerald Cook – East Muir Street; Ella Devlin – formerly Kelso Crescent; Larry McGuire – Ivanhoe Crescent; Neil Reilly; Margaret-Ellen Todman.

Months Minds: Catherine (Irene) Smith.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Kane Families; Luke Devine; John Kane (Hamilton); Rev. James Naughton.

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; Larry McIntyre.

Deaths: Ella Devlin; Tommy Dougan.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Jean Pearson; Peter Shannon; Christina MacFarlane, Patrick Lynch; Jamie Duncan; Kevin Sweeney; Peter Hoey; Gerard Tonner; Monica Fitzpatrick; Bernie Reilly.

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.

St Ignatius Primary School - Mrs Clifford & Mrs Pearson's Retirement Mass and Tea

On Friday 12th December we celebrated Mass in thanksgiving for Mrs Clifford's and Mrs Pearson's time at St Ignatius Primary School and prayed also as they begin their retirement. It was lovely to be joined by family, friends, colleagues and the boys and girls of St Ignatius Primary School. Also, thank you to the volunteers who prepared for and provided the teas, coffees, juice and all in the Loyola Centre.

The Loyola Centre

The "enabling works" are underway until Monday 22nd December inclusive. Thereafter, commencing the 5th January works will continue 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 continue this Wednesday, 17th December 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

It was great to see many children and families come along to the Children's Christmas Party last Sunday. Thank you to all who prepared for and provided all on the day.

Wayside Club collection at St Thomas'

Thank you to all who have donated warm clothing and toiletries for men as part of the appeal from the Wayside Club.

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

The Coffee, tea, juice and all will not be available in the month of December due to the Parish Christmas events, it will begin again in the New Year.

Wednesday Warmer – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Warmer continues to take place this Wednesday 17th December 11:30am-2:30pm.

Christmas Carol Service – St Thomas's Church

Thank you to those who attended and took part in the Christmas Carol Service last Tuesday 9th December at 7:00pm in St Thomas' Church. It was great to have the children from St Thomas Primary School and the Choir of St Thomas Parish sing and make a lovely evening in preparation for Christmas. A thank you also on behalf of HCPT Group 139 for all the donations received as part of the collection and raffle that took place on the night. A total of £378.40 was raised and will be forwarded onto the Group.

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.

Collections – 6th/7th December –

Offertory Collection

St Ignatius - £1564.50 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.

St Andrew's Hospice

St Ignatius - £1355.00 St Thomas - £995.50

Thank you to all those who contributed to the collection last weekend to support the work of St Andrew's Hospice and the many services they provide including invaluable palliative care to people as well as much valued support to families and loved ones.