

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 8th February 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 8th February 2026 The 5th Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 9th February	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	1:00pm Mass 7:00pm – Holy Hour	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Funeral Mass – John Lindsay Jordan
Wednesday 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day of the Sick</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Thursday 12th February	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 13th February	8:45am Rosary 9:15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 14th February <i>St Cyril and St Methodius</i>	9:30am Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 15th February 2026 The 6th Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Sunday Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Sunday Mass

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Young people's group aged 18 – 30 years

Due to the meeting of the Diocese of Motherwell Youth Group this Sunday 8th February in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, our Young Peoples' Group will not meet this weekend, the next meeting will take place next Sunday 15th February 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. The group has proposed plans for activities, organised by the young people, to take place in both Parishes during this coming Lent 2026, more information in due course.

Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

Seminarians within the Motherwell Diocese have organised a Holy Hour to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood in St Ignatius Church this Tuesday 10th February at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Baptism of children already at Primary School

Following on from requests from parents and carers to present their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First) and Holy Communion (First) arrangements have now been put in place in both Parishes for those children who need to be baptised prior to receiving the Sacraments. The preparation sessions begin this Sunday after the 10:00am Mass and the 11:30am Mass at St Ignatius and St Thomas Churches' respectively.

Day by Day Booklets

The Lent 2026 edition of the Day by Day booklet is available from the Parish Stalls. These booklets provide the daily readings at Mass as well as quotes from Saints.

Life Support Training Session

As previously communicated, both Parishes have lifesaving Defibrillators available. Subsequently, a training session will take place in the Loyola Centre this Wednesday 11th February at 7:00pm. In addition to training in the use of a defibrillator there will also be training in the care of a collapsed adult. Everyone is welcome to join in this valuable and potentially lifesaving session.

World Day of the Sick

On Wednesday, 11th February, the Church celebrates the 34th World Day of the Sick, coinciding with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day particularly associated with prayers for healing and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year "The Compassion of the Samaritan: Loving by Bearing the Pain of Others" is the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV who, inspired by the Good Samaritan, invites us to 'love by bearing the pain of the other', not from a distance, but by sharing their burden in compassion and service.

Carfin Grotto

On Wednesday, 11 February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick - Mass will take place at Carfin Grotto in the Parish Church and will include a celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. The Xavier Centre will be open from 12.00noon and after Mass for refreshments. In the evening, at 8.00 pm, the Most Holy Rosary will be recited at the Grotto of Massabielle. During The Holy Season of Lent, Mass will take place at 1.00pm beginning on Ash Wednesday in the Parish Church and thereafter Mon-Fri at 1.00pm in the Glass Chapel.

Ash Wednesday and Lent 2026

Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday, a day of Fast and Abstinence and the day when we receive Ashes and begin the season of Lent. Mass with the Distribution of ashes will take place as follows:

St Ignatius Church: 9:30am and 7:00pm

St Thomas Church: 11:00am and 6:00pm

During Lent, additional Masses and Services will be available at St Thomas and St Ignatius Churches – a sheet will be available at the entrance to the Church next weekend.

Offertory Collections – 31st Jan/1st Feb

St Ignatius - £2090.50

St Thomas - £1099.80

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.

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.

Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The Diocese of Motherwell Youth Group Meetings welcome young adults S6-35 yrs old for evenings of faith, prayer and fellowship in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell; the group will meet on the following dates; this Sunday 8th February, Sunday 8th March and Sunday 28th March at 7:30pm.

Diocesan Youth Camino de Santiago Information evening

Following successful pilgrimages to Rome and to Lourdes over the past two summers, the Diocese will be running a pilgrimage for young adults (aged 18-30) in summer 2026: walking the final 100km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, from Monday 6th – Monday 13th July 2026. The cost will be approx. £1,000 including flights, transfers, meals and accommodation. You are warmly invited to an information evening at the Diocesan Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell ML1 1PP this Tuesday 10th February from 7-8pm to find out more. You can also email Fr Stephen Reilly at frreilly@rcdom.org.uk for further info.

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: Thomas McVittie; Putzu Antonio; Mary Foley; Eleanor Devine; Michael Findlay.

Months Minds: Larry McGuire.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: John Smith; Thomas Christopher Young; Jim Rodgers; John Burns;
Rev. Fr Michael Maher; William & Catherine Ferries.

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; Anne Marie McGrogan.

Deaths: John Lindsay Jordan – Linnhe Crescent; Grace Hogg; Mary Foley;
John Barr (Formerly Overtown); David Hainey.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Andrew Donnelly Snr; Edward McDonald, Sister Anna Larkins;
Benny Thomson; Anne McMenemy; Joe Higgins; Lena Hilton;
Isabel Mulheron & James Mulheron; Thomas Carroll, Michael Quigley.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY

For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength 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."



Please note the upcoming meetings of the Parishes' Project Wellspring Co-ordinating Groups are:
St Thomas' –Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre; and
St Ignatius' this week - Monday 9th February 2026 at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

Financial Support in Scotland

A message from the Catholic Parliamentary Office of the Bishops Conference of Scotland: Don't Miss Out: Financial Help for Scots in 2026. As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit mygov.scot/benefits or use the QR code.



Gift Aid

Several people have recently asked to become members of the Gift Aid Schemes at both Parishes. Thank you so much to the individuals who have come forward and all those who are already members of the Gift Aid Schemes at St Ignatius' and at St Thomas' Parishes. If anyone else is interested in joining either of the Gift Aid Schemes, please speak with Fr Kevin. The forms that need to be used to join the Gift Aid Schemes are available from the entrances to the Churches and these can be completed and given to Fr Kevin also.

Sacraments – St Ignatius Parish and St Ignatius Primary School

This weekend we welcome, in a special way, the children and their families and carers as they enrol for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First), Holy Communion (First) and Confirmation. The Parish of St Ignatius keeps in prayer all the children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacraments in the coming months.

The Loyola Centre

The works continue on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of The Loyola Centre. Thank you to all who came along to the last meeting, an update was provided on the progress of the Phase 3 works and included discussions on the internal layout of the hall being built as part of Phase 3. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers will take place this Tuesday 10th February at 6:00pm 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 February in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

The following social events have been arranged to take place in the Loyola Centre:

Friday 6th March – Parish Quiz Night, 7:30pm-11:30pm, £5 per ticket, team limit 6 people, BYOB and snacks. Raffle will take place, donations of raffle prizes greatly appreciated and can be left at the stall in St Ignatius Church; and

Saturday 7th March – St Patrick's Night with SeinErin, more information 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 next Sunday 15th February after the 10:00am Mass in The Loyola Centre.

200 Club Winners

1st – 104 – Nicola Hazard; 2nd – 73 – Michelle Christie

Children's Liturgy – Appeal for Volunteers

Thank you to all those who came along to the meeting last Wednesday about The Children's Liturgy at the 11:30am Sunday Mass. More volunteers continue to be required to lead the Children's Liturgy as well as to assist with providing the Liturgy. If anyone would like to volunteer, perhaps you have done it before, or it is something you would like to do. It is a great opportunity, especially for S6 Caritas Candidates to add to their Parish service hours or any other parishioner, to assist our younger parishioners to hear and participate in the Mass. Training and resources are provided. If anyone would like to come along to see what is involved, then you would be more than welcome to do so. Please speak to Fr Kevin. Thank you in anticipation for your help and support.

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

Coffee, tea, juice and all will take place on Sunday 1st March 2026 after the 11:30am Mass.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 11th February 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 February 21st – Tom Jones (Robert Leonard);

Saturday March 14th – St Patrick's night; and

Saturday April 25th – Ying Yang

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

St Thomas Primary School Choir

As we heard at the Christmas Carol Concert, St Thomas Primary School has an amazing choir. As part of the ongoing activities of the choir the school are asking for adults to join the choir along with the boys and girls of the school. If any parishioners are interested in joining the boys and girls as part of the choir please let Fr Kevin know in the 1st instance. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Lost Property

There is a growing collection of items in the lost property that have been left behind in the Church recently. These include glasses, umbrellas and some other personal items, please look at the items located at the entrance to the church and reclaim any property that is yours. Items not claimed by 28th February will be donated to charity. Thank you.