

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH –

28th December 2025

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 28th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 29th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 30th December	1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 31st December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 9:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving	7:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 1st January 2026 Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Friday 2nd January 2026 <i>St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	10:30am Mass	11:30am Mass
Saturday 3rd January 2026 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th January 2026 The Epiphany of The Lord	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – Off until
11th January 2026

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This weekend in all Parishes and in all Dioceses of the world, The Jubilee Year 2025 is to conclude. We will mark the closure in both Parishes by using special prayers that have been provided for this purpose.

See separate notice in the Bulletin regarding the conclusion of The Jubilee Year taking place in Motherwell Cathedral.

The Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord

Next Sunday, 4th January is the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Then, on Sunday, 11th January is the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide.

World Day of Prayer for Peace

Next Sunday, 4th January, is the World Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace.

Christmas Message – Bishop Toal

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

Second Collection – Justice and Peace Commission

Next Sunday, 4th January, a Second Collection also takes place for the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland in support of their work for Justice and Peace.

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.

Altar Servers

Thank you to all the altar servers who came along to the meetings last Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December and who served at the Christmas Masses. Once again, 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.

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.

Day by Day Booklets

Copies of the January 2026 booklet are available from the Parish Stall. These booklets provide the daily readings at Mass as well as quotes from Saints.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

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



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."

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.



Western Catholic Calendar 2026

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

Collections – 20th/21st December –

Offertory Collection

St Ignatius - £1775.00

St Thomas - £938.30

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; Jax Martin.

Deaths: Larry McGuire; David O'Hare; Patsy McFarlane; Kevin Baird.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Joseph McAleavey; Annie Devine; Netty Hynds; Agnes Jamieson; James & Alice Hynds; Rose Lee; Peter Murphy Jnr.

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'Donnell; 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.

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: Michael Larkin (East Kilbride).

Months Minds: Raymond Anderson.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Thomas McMahon; Charles Gallacher; James Carroll; Agnes Carroll; James Carlin.

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 – 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 starting on 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 on Tuesday 6th January at 7:30pm in the Loyola Centre.

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

The 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

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, will take place on Sunday, 18th January after the 10:00am Mass.

Foodbank Appeal

Thank you to everyone who provided items for Wishaw Foodbank, these were taken to the Foodbank last Tuesday and all there were very appreciative of the items.

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 Warmer – St Thomas Parish Centre

The next Wednesday Warmer will take place on Wednesday 7th January 2026 11:30am-2:30pm. Thank you to all who have made donations at the Wednesday Warmer, a total of £652.79 was received 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 for use by the Altar Servers and refurbishment of a Parish Chalice.

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 is this Sunday 28th December. 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.