

Parish of St Thomas the Apostle

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Sunday Masses: 16.00 (Vigil), 10.00
 Daily Masses: 10.00 except Wed 18.00
 Confessions: Wed 17.25 – 17.55
 Sat 10.30 – 11.00
 By appointment
 Adoration: Mon – Sat 09.00 except Wed 17.00
 Also Thu 10.30 – 11.30

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 14th January 2018

<p>Important Contact Details</p> <p>SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 0141 580 6642</p>	<p>Last Week's Collection(s)</p> <p>Offertory: £355.00 (Standing Order) + £335.53 Justice & Peace: £305.40</p>
<p>St Luke's High School: Mass each Friday at 12.20pm in the Oratory. Confession and Class Masses will continue with 3s/2 this week and 3s/3 the following week.</p> <p>A Pastoral Letter from Bishop John: This will be read out at our Sunday Masses next weekend outlining our Synod's plans through 2018 for a process of consultation and deliberation regarding the reconfiguration of our diocese and local areas in terms of a new model of evangelisation, lay participation and synodal discernment and decision making. To accompany the letter there will be information leaflets, a fuller online link and prayer cards. It would be good if you could remind your people the initiative is not about parish closures and managing decline. It is about renewing our parishes, communities and mission around the vision and values of our Synod and Charter and, in that light, deciding on what is the optimum configuration of our parishes and deployment of our clergy to this end; new skins for new wine!</p> <p>20-40 Network Events: Aged 20-40? Would you like to meet some fellow young Catholics? 'Networking at the Museum' is on 20th January at Kelvingrove Museum, 2pm-4pm. 'The Quiztastic Quiz of the Year' is on 3rd February in the function room of Blackfriars's bar in the Merchant City, 1pm-5pm. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one. We're also on Facebook at facebook.com/2040network.</p> <p>Jumbulance to Lourdes: There are still places available for sick people to go to Lourdes. The Jumbulance leaves from St Mirin's on Thursday 13th September returning on Saturday 22nd. They also have a medical team travelling with us. The cost is £750 or £700 if they use own Insurance. See Fr Joe if interested as soon as possible</p>	<p>Scottish Catholic Calendars: The Catholic Calendars give a list of all the Churches and times of Masses in the Western Province; Archdiocese of Glasgow, Dioceses of Motherwell and Paisley. It also gives information on other Catholic agencies. These are available at the Stall.</p> <p>Holy Water: It is customary to Bless your home and family at the beginning of a New Year. Newly Blessed Holy Water is available in the porch to take home.</p> <p>National Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair: Monthly Mass to pray for the Beatification of Margaret Sinclair. This will be celebrated in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh on the 1st Monday of each month at 7pm. Petitions can be sent to the shrine office by post or email delegate@margaretsinclair.scot You are encouraged to visit the shrine in Edinburgh and to pray for her beatification.</p> <p>Mass of Commitment for Confirmation: The Pupils of Primary 7 will attend the 10.00am Mass today the 14th of January to make their commitment to prepare themselves spiritually for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on 2nd May. Please pray for them that they be faithful to that commitment.</p> <p>Ahead of the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis in Dublin 2018, visit MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk): When Andrew and Simon Peter met Jesus, they asked Him: "Rabbi, where do you live?" He said: "Come and see." They went, and stayed for the rest of the day. Did Mary, His mother, return to find strangers in her house and welcome and serve them in her Son's name? Do we welcome and serve one another in His name?</p>



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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES - The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group has recommended that all volunteers doing regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should do the Level 1 training by the end of 2017 and, with the agreement of Bishop John, this has been implemented as diocesan policy. In order to cover the remaining volunteers still to receive training, the following dates have been arranged for January 2018:

- **St. John's Parish Hall, Barrhead** on Wednesday 17th January at 7pm-8.30pm
- **St. Mirin's Parish Hall, Paisley** on Saturday 27th January at 10.30am-12noon

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding officesafeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register for this training session.

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes: This will take place from 29th June- 6th July 2018. The Diocesan pilgrimage is open to all, however any pilgrim with an acute medical condition or who is taking regular prescription medication will be asked to complete a medical form. This allows us to ensure that we have a team of nurses and helpers willing to assist you. It also lets us order the correct number of wheelchairs for the pilgrimage. We are still awaiting the full details and booking forms for the pilgrimage. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Anne Louise 01475 638132

Catholic Education Open Forum: The Scottish Catholic Education service (SCES) invites members of the Catholic Education Community- parents, teachers, students, clergy to participate in an open forum session of the Catholic Education Commission. This is designed to provide an opportunity to learn developments affecting Catholic Education in Scotland. This session will explore how Catholic Education contributes to local Communities through the commitment to serve the Common Good. This will take place on Sunday the 4th of March at St Columba's Cathedral Halls, Oban from 10.30am – 1.30pm. To book a place call 0141 556 4727 or go to www.sces.org.uk or email mail@sces.uk.com

Legacies: When making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax ask for a Gift Aid form and with your one-off signature we get an extra 25%.

Bethandy – Family/Friends Support Group: Are you affected by a loved one's drug/alcohol use? This support group will start on Thursday the 25th January from 7pm-9pm and thereafter on the 2nd/4th Thursday of each month in the Linwood Gospel Hall, 35 Bridge Street, Linwood. Contact Susan on 07379 480 100 for more details. There are also flyers in the porch.

The Alpha Course: An opportunity to explore the meaning of life. How does our Christian faith help us to see meaning in our life? Who is Alpha for? Alpha is for everyone and anyone. The beauty of Alpha is that there are no questions that are too hostile, too silly or too simple. Alpha has no prerequisites whatsoever. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. All are welcome to join us beginning Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7pm in St. Bernadette's Erskine. The evening begins with a buffet meal. To help with catering arrangements you can register online at www.stbernadetteserskine.info/alpha.

Please Pray for:

Those who have died recently and for the **anniversaries** of Michael Campbell, Paul Devlin, Annie & Dennis Glyde, George Major, Janet Mc Coll, John & Annie O'Neill.

Those who are sick: Ronald Burns, Peter Cairney, John Cannon, Anne Cox, Joseph Din, Jean Docherty, Ree Dunn, Joyce Van Gorder, Bob Fairlie, Ellen Hendry, Daniel Hughes, Rena Jardine, Rebecca Keay, Margaret Skea, Andrew Madsen, Maureen Muldoon, Elizabeth Mc Cusker, Yvonne Mc Lachlan, Theresa Mc Veigh, Agnes O'Donnell, Sr Patricia Reilly, Irene Rome, Sonia Galligo Romero, Lynn Scott, Elizabeth Turnbull, LaurieThompson. Esther West, Janet & Jimmy Smith. Rachel Smith (Infant)

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