

## 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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

<p><b><u>Important Contact Details</u></b>                  SSVP: 07598511261                  Hall Enquiries: 0141 580 6642</p>	<p><b><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u></b>                  Offertory: £355.00 (Standing Order) + £401.27                  No second collection.</p>
<p><b>Education Sunday 28th January 2018. Serving the Common Good:</b> Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are "Serving the Common Good" in our homes, schools and parishes. This year – 2018 – is the Centenary Year of the Education (Scotland) Act of 1918 which brought pre-existing and future Catholic schools into the public provision of education. This historic legislation qualified Catholic schools for public funding and opened the door to much more extensive access to Catholic education. Since then Catholic schools have flourished amazingly. Catholic schools have demonstrated time and again that they are much valued and very popular centres of educational excellence, with many pupils achieving academic and personal success. For that reason, Catholic schools are good for Scotland, in Serving the Common Good.</p> <p><b>St. Mirin's Chaplaincy by UWS:</b> Mass will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12.45pm in St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center, 45 High Street Paisley. Please come and join us!</p> <p><b>Diocesan Priesthood:</b> Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2018? For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org</p> <p><b>Bethandy – Family/Friends Support Group:</b> Are you affected by a loved one's drug/alcohol use? This support group will start on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> January from 7pm-9pm and thereafter on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>	<p><b>Excerpts from Church Documents on Catholic Education:</b> Catholic school loses its purpose without constant reference to the Gospel and a frequent encounter with Christ. (The Catholic school, Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1977, n55)                  Knowledge is not to be considered as a means of material prosperity and success, but as a call to serve and to be responsible for others. (The Catholic School, Congregation for Catholic Education, 1977, n56)                  Lay Catholics who work in Catholic schools [should] participate simply and actively in the liturgical and sacramental life of the school. Students will share in this life more readily when they have concrete examples; when they see the importance that this life has for believers. (Lay Catholics in schools: Witnesses to faith, Sacred Congregation for Education, 1982, n40)                  school. Students will share in this life more readily when they have concrete examples; when they see the importance that this life has for believers. (Lay Catholics in schools: Witnesses to faith, Sacred Congregation for Education, 1982, n40)                  [Jesus used] all the resources of interpersonal communication, such as word, silence, metaphor, image, example, and many diverse signs. (General Directory of Catechesis 140)</p> <p><b>SPUC Communications Academy:</b> Are you 18-35, a committed prolifer and a passionate communicator? In 2018, SPUC Scotland are seeking to identify and empower Communication Champions to build a better society. We are offering sponsored places at our Communications Academy on 2nd and 3rd March in Dumbarton, where you will learn advanced techniques in communications and media skills. To apply please send your CV and a short covering note to michael@spucscotland.org by 2nd February <b>Shrine of the</b></p> <p><b>Venerable Margaret Sinclair</b>                  Monthly Mass to pray for the Beatification of Margaret Sinclair. This will be celebrated in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm. Petitions can be sent to the shrine office by post or email. <a href="mailto:delegate@margaretsinclair.scot">delegate@margaretsinclair.scot</a> You are encouraged to visit the shrine in Edinburgh and to prayer for her beatification.</p>



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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sces.org.uk) or email [mail@sces.uk.com](mailto:mail@sces.uk.com)

**Anthony Gielty:** 'Out of Darkness' - Once one of Scotland's most violent prisoners, Anthony's life changed through a chance encounter with a priest. After a recent and extremely popular talk, Anthony will be returning to give his incredible testimony the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. Tuesday 23rd January beginning at 7pm.

**Youth to Lourdes 2018:** Our next meeting will be on Sunday 28th January at 1.30pm at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center, 45 High Street, Paisley. There are still some places available. Applicants should be in the present s3 to s6. The pilgrimage departs for Lourdes on Thursday 28th June 2018. We will arrive back in Scotland on Friday 6th July 2018. The cost is £550.00. For further information please contact Fr. John Morrison on 01418895056 or e-mail [vocations@rcdop.org](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org)

**The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 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

**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%.

**Spred Boxes Collection:** £316.71  
**Crib Collection to date:** £370.33

**St Luke's Family Cluster Quiz Night:** This will take place on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb in St Mark's School from 6.45pm-9.45pm and hall has to be vacated by 10pm. £4 Adults, £2 Children and £10 Family. You can pay at the door or purchase tickets from school. There is also a Raffle, Bingo, Family games, Movie room.

**White Mass:** For Healthcare Professional and the work of Healthcare in Scotland. 12pm Sunday 11th February 2018. Holy Mass in St. Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Glasgow. A reception with Archbishop Tartaglia will take place following the Mass in the Diocesan Offices on Clyde Street.

**Healthcare Men and Women of Conscience** - A conference of the Catholic Medical Association, Tyburn Convent, London, Saturday 10 March, This subject is likely to feature in 2018 for all healthcarers in a major way eg abortion, end of life/palliative care, genetic engineering and much more so is a very relevant subject to keep at the top of our agenda.

**Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry:** To advance the work of the Paisley Synod, the Diocese is exploring a partnership with the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham to deliver some distance learning courses to support our laypeople in various aspects of Parish ministry. We hope to run a course leading to the Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry. If you think this would be of interest to you, please speak to your Parish Priest. There will be an information evening in the Diocesan Office on Monday 5th February at 7pm. You can find more information on the Maryvale website <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/certificate-in-parish-mission-and-ministry.html>

**Please Pray for:**

***Those who have died recently:*** Ruby Mc Donagh, and for the ***anniversaries*** of John Gerald Greene, Edward Hannigan, Maria Sbragia.

***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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