

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

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 10th June 2018

<p><u>Important Contact Details</u> SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u> Offertory: £457.37 + £355.00 (Standing Order) Building Fund: £313.05</p>
<p>First Communicants: Congratulations to the boys & girls of Primary 4 who received their First Communion on Saturday. They receive today their Certificates and a Gift of a Mass Missal from the Parish. Also thankyou to Mrs Eagers Hardy their teacher for her preparation of children.</p> <p><u>The New GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)</u> This became law across Europe on Friday May 25th. The Diocese of Paisley/ Parish would like to reassure you that it takes your data very seriously and will protect it in compliance with all aspects of the new regulation. We have established that for Parish groups and ministries there is legitimate interest for the purpose of contacting you that constitutes the legal basis for holding personal data, and for Gift Aid this is covered by the agreement that you previously signed, so you do not need to do anything else at present. If there is any further need to gain your approval for any specific purpose then we will contact you directly. There are copies of our Privacy Notice at the back of the church or you can visit the website at www.stthomasneilston.co.uk</p> <p><u>The Angelus Prayer Group:</u> This has been established in honour of The Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. This new Feast Day, which will be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost. Pope Francis approved this celebration because he thought it might "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the Pastors, Religious and Faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety. "The Angelus group is open to the public, we pray each day at 12 noon - it can be accessed by visiting the Facebook Page via https://www.facebook.com/groups/215813205685547/ All are welcome to join.</p> <p>St Thomas Primary We urgently need parents/carers/relatives help with emptying bags of bark onto the trim trail (play area behind the MUGA). Some parents are heading to school after Mass on Sunday if anyone can assist.</p>	<p>Second Collection is for the Sick and Retired Clergy - This collection is to support all our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our Diocese faithfully over the years. As we reflect and pray what they have contributed to our faith, families and parishes let us remember and acknowledge and thank God for their presence in today's collection.</p> <p>Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady and St Andrew This Commemorates the 700th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Andrews Cathedral and will take place on Thursday the 5th of July. At 9.30 am The Veneration of the Statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen & Relic of St Andrew at St James Church .At 10.15 am Assemble at St James Church, The Scores, St Andrews, KY16 9AR. At 10.45 am The Rosary Procession leaving from St James Church to St Andrews Cathedral. At 11.30 am Open-Air Mass in Cathedral grounds. Main Celebrant & Homilist Bishop Stephen Robson. www.newdawninScotland.com</p> <p><u>Aid to Church in Need (ACN):</u> Buxar, the country's poorest Diocese has only 15 Diocesan Priests for 25,000 Catholic faithful and 10 Seminarians. To support Seminary training and Diocesan Priests in Buxar during the Month of June all monies from the St Anthony's Box will be sent to ACN and their appeal. Our Parish Patron brought the faith to India which gives us a special connection.</p> <p><u>Scots College Magazine:</u> If you wish to purchase a magazine at £2.50 from the Seminarians in Rome please put your name down on list provided. All proceeds to Cardinal Winning Pro-Life initiative.</p>



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Tea Dance Dates: Mon 18th June from 1pm-3pm. Tickets £2 and contact 07425156827 to purchase.

Date for the Diary - Annual Diocesan Day to Carfin will take place on Sunday 5th August 2018.

Making all things New: We thank the parishioners who attended the 1st Open Meeting and remind you of the importance of completing and returning your Demographics sheets and Parish Surveys to Fr Joe in time for collection (early July). It is vital that as many parishioners as possible participate in this initiative. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 19th of June at 7pm** for those who could not attend the 1st Opening Meeting in the Parish Hall.

The current rules for Fasting before receiving Holy Communion: The current rules were introduced by Pope Paul VI on November 21, 1964, and are found in Canon 919 of the Code of Canon Law:

- A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine.
- A priest who celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist two or three times on the same day can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them.
- The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

The Ego Self or the Noble Self: To serve this Idol you have to agree to never make others feel uncomfortable. The drug of approval in all forms including Social Medias virtual approval makes us avoid being ourselves and for the sake of 'fitting in' we sacrifice our own individuality. You will never have some people's approval, and that won't kill you, but putting your life on hold waiting for their approval will kill you. Approve, validate and endorse yourself and 'LET GO OF BEING LIKED' every time you do that you stop being an enabler and you weaken the idols of human approval for the rest of us.

Minutes of Last Parish Council Meeting.

There is a paper copy of the Last Parish Council Meeting on the noticeboard and can also be viewed on the Parish Website.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES OR PENDING PVG CERTIFICATES: volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should complete the Level one Safeguarding training. The next session will be held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston on Tuesday 26th June at 7pm. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register

Diocesan Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church: Our diocese has arranged the services and pastoral ministry of our own Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position as the various problematic issues are discussed. Marriage counselling can help you gain perspective on your relationship. Expect help with the following: Communicate in a more constructive way; Learn why arguments escalate; Reflect on the past and how it presents in your current relationships; Learn the art of compromise. Negotiate and resolve conflicts in a healthier way. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

Diocesan Courage Apostolate for Catholics with Same Sex Attraction: Paisley Diocese has set up a Courage Chapter of pastoral ministry for those in our Diocesan community with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments, and an appreciation of Church's teachings in chastity. It extends the Church's invitation to a life of peace, and grace to grow in Christian maturity. For information or advice please email in confidence our diocesan priest chaplain at Courage@rcdop.org.uk

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*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; with your one-off signature, we get an extra 25%!*