

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 2nd September 2018

<p><u>Important Contact Details</u> SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u> Offertory: £380.39 + £355.00 (Standing Order)</p>
<p>Parish Retreat with Ex-Gangster John Pridmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sun 2nd Sept "The Father's will" (5pm) * Mon 3rd Sept "True Freedom in Christ with a Eucharistic Healing" Service" (7pm) * Tues 4th Sept "By giving we are Blessed." (7pm) <p>Parish Masses on Mon, Tue and Wed of this week are at 8.50am due to Fr Joe being at St Luke's High School retreats.</p> <p>Second Synod Meeting: This Wednesday the 5th of September in St Luke's High School at 7pm. Copies of process and vision of Synod can be uplifted in porch.</p> <p>Bishop Barron Usher Hall Edinburgh: The bus will leave St Thomas at 5pm on Thursday the 6th of September.</p> <p>Mercy Bus Thanksgiving Mass: The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland are hosting a Mercy Bus Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 7th September at 7pm at Nazareth House Church, 1647 Paisley Road West, Glasgow G52 3QT It is followed by a light buffet. Please keep the Friends of Divine Mercy of Scotland in your prayers as we take the Mercy Bus to the Scottish Parliament on Thurs 6th September.</p> <p>8th/9th September "Let the children live appeal at all Masses. This is a Christian charity of last resort for children from the streets and shanty-towns of Medellin, Colombia. Fr Peter Walters, who founded the charity and who continues to work there, will speak at all Masses next weekend.</p> <p>Mass at UWS: St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre: Sunday Mass resumes on Sunday 9th September at 5pm. Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm Mon,, Tues, Wed and Thurs, during term starting on Mon 10th Sept.</p> <p>Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on Monday the 10th of September at 1pm. You can purchase tickets from Annette Urquhart on 0742156827.</p>	<p>The Whithorn Way: Paisley to Lochwinnoch Poen Doors Day. A joint activity by St. Mirin's Pilgrims and Paisley Abbey 850 Pilgrims. We have two events on Saturday 8th September . The first is a ten mile walk which starts at Paisley Abbey at 10am and there is a three mile family walk which starts from the Abbey at 2pm. If you would like to join us, please email mbonnar314@gmail.com</p> <p>Charity Quiz: There will be a charity quiz night in St. Mary's Parish hall, Newton Street, Paisley on Monday 10th September at 8pm for SSVP Special Works Conferences. BYOB and snacks.</p> <p>Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass: The annual Vocations Diocesan Mass will be held at St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley on Monday 10th September at 7pm. Please join Bishop John and the Priests, Deacons and Religious of our Diocese as we pray for Vocations and celebrate the Feast of St Mirin, Patron of our Diocese.</p> <p>PVG Certificates Church: Volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should complete the Safeguarding Training Induction Part 1 (formerly known as Level 1). The next session will be held in St. Mirin's Parish Hall, Paisley on Tuesday 11th September at 7pm. Please contact Sarah Jane to register safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138.</p> <p>Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Paul Graham Bishop John will ordain Paul Graham on Wednesday the 12th of September in St Joseph's Clarkston at 7pm.</p> <p>St Luke's High School weekly Mass: There is a lunch time Mass each Friday at 12.20pm in the School Oratory.</p>



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Lourdes with the Jumbulance Bus: It leaves from St.Mirin's Cathedral on the 13th September returning on the 22nd September. There are still a few spaces available for anyone who may be sick and require assistance. There will be a medical team and a priest traveling on the bus along with experienced helpers. Please contact Cormack on 07568401416 or Cormacksmith123@icloud.com

All Night Vigil of Prayer and Adoration: This will be in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Friday 14th September 2018 at 8pm – until Saturday 15th September 2018 Closing Mass 8am. Tyburn Benedictine Convent, 5 Mackerston Place, Largs, KA30 8BY 8pm – Sung Night prayer with Sisters followed by 8am Closing Mass. Please note the Vigil is for men only due to the Benedictine Rule. Details of women's event on request and email liam.coyle @ntlworld.com or call 07806517383 or visit Glasgow Vigils events on facebook.

Upcoming baby loss support service: The Mariposa Trust have organised a special baby loss service which will take place in Glasgow Cathedral on 22nd September. This will be a 'Saying Goodbye' service. This is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family members or friends loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org.

SCIAF APPEAL: Kerala, India: The devastating floods in Kerala, India have been featured in the news over the last few days and I wanted to let you know that SCIAF is helping and to assure you that we are in touch with our partners and with our sister organisation, Caritas India. To date, we've sent £30,000 to help families left devastated by the terrible floods. This money will provide rice, oil, beans and basic household items like soap, toothpaste and buckets to thousands of people left homeless. You can find more about how we are helping www.sciaf.org.uk .

All monies put into the St Anthony's Box will be forwarded to SCIAF

Mary's Meals Day: Sun 9th Sept.: This will be held at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall with doors opening at 12.445pm for coffee and stalls. Programme starts at 2pm. To reserve place visit marysmeals.org.uk/MarysMealsDay or call 0800 698 1212.

Pauline Books & Media: Will be hosting a table top Icon exhibition. 'Icons written by Cristina Szidelo'. This will take place on 14th, 15th & 16th September 2018 from 11am – 4pm. 36 St. Enoch Square, Glasgow, G1 4DF

Mary's Meals Rags to riches/raffle: Mary's Meals will be visiting the Parish on the weekend of 13th/14th of October. You can assist their programme of feeding more than 1.2 million children by donating unwanted clothing including belts/bags/shoes/curtains/bedding however **No Duvets/Pillows/Bric-a Brac** .Last year this generated £160,000. You can also purchase Raffle Tickets at £1 which raised £115,000 last year. A van will collect items after the 10.00am Mass on Sun 14th. It only costs £13.90 to feed a child for an entire school year in some of the poorest countries of the world where Mary's Meals work.

The Angelus prayer group: This has been established in Honour of The Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. The new feast day, which will be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost. Pope Francis approved the 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 via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/215813205685547/> All are welcome to join.

St Thomas' Primary School Family Quiz Night This will take place in Church Hall on Friday 28th September from 7pm-10pm. BOYB Tickets: Adult £4, Concession £2 or Family £10. Available from PTA - Diane Stobie, Rosemarie O'Donnell and Charlene Allan or via the school.

We pray for all those who are **sick** and have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have **died recently**: Carol Mc Fadden, Eddie Mitchell, and for the **anniversaries** of: Betty Mooney.

*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%!*