

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 28th October 2018

<p><u>Important Contact Details</u> SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u> Offertory: £428.07 + £355.00 (Standing Order) Building Fund: £425.87</p>
<p>October Devotions: Pope Francis has asked us to Pray the Rosary each day of October. Rosary & Benediction at 4pm.</p> <p>Solemnity of All Saints: This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Vigil Mass Wed 31st at 7pm and Mass on Thursday 1st Nov at 10.00am. The children of St Thomas will join us at 10.00am and students from St Luke's will have Mass at 11am and 12Noon.</p> <p>SCIAF CHARITY DINNER 10th November: We'd love you to join us at our Charity Ball for an evening of live music, dinner, raffles and entertainment, to raise funds for our life changing work at the Grand Central Hotel at 7pm. We are certain this will be another joyful evening and I warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the work of SCIAF and in reflecting on the challenges that we all face as we strive for a fairer and more just world. Individual tickets are priced at £75 and tables of ten are available for £700 and all monies made will go towards our vital work with some of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Please contact tmcgoldrick@sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555 for details</p> <p>MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS This takes place on Tuesday the 30th October at 7pm in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Father Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.</p> <p>An Act of Remembrance in Neilston 11th November: To honor the Fallen of the Village of Neilston there will be a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 12 Noon with the parade starting at 11.45am at Broadlie Road. In the Evening at 6.45pm Neilston War Memorial Association have also organized a special Commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 in conjunction with many other places. A memorial Beacon will be lit, and the local church bells will ring out for peace.</p>	<p>Second Collection next weekend: Building Fund</p> <p>Christmas Charity Dinner: There will be a Christmas Charity Evening in St. Mirin's Cathedral Halls on Saturday 1st December 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Three course dinner with entertainment and a paying bar will be available. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Diocese. £25 per person. Email stmirinscathedral@rcdop.org.uk or telephone 0141 889 2404.</p> <p>Diocese of Paisley Youth Pilgrimage Salamanca 2019: There will be a Pilgrimage to Salamanca, Spain for school pupils currently in s3-s6 from Saturday 29th June till Friday 5th July. Pilgrimage cost is £575. There will be an information meeting on November 11th at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley at 1.30pm. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison on 0141 889 5056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk</p> <p>Lectio Divina: "Lectio Divina" is a Latin term that means "divine reading". Come along and delve deeper into the Scriptures through meditative reading at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center throughout November. Our sessions begin at 3pm on Sunday 4th, 11th and 18th November. Our speakers are Fr. John Morrison, Fr. Matthew Carlin and Bishop John Keenan. All welcome.</p> <p>Paisley Faith Forum: Memento Mori- What does the Catholic Church teach about life after death? What does the Church teach about reincarnation and spiritualism? What is purgatory? Does Hell really exist and is anyone there? In a series of four talks given throughout the month of November, Fr. John Morrison will seek to answer these questions and a whole lot more! Talks will be begin at 7pm at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November. All welcome!</p>



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November Lists for the Holy Souls: All Masses in November are offered up for those you place on your November Lists. The lists will be placed before the Altar as we pray for those Souls in Purgatory assured of heaven, that they will enter the fullness of life eternal in heaven swiftly through our Masses and prayers for them.

Purgatory

In Roman Catholic theology, purgatory is an intermediate state after physical death in which some of those ultimately destined for heaven must first "undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," holding that "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come." And that entrance into Heaven requires the "remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven," for which indulgences may be given which remove "either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin," such as an "unhealthy attachment" to sin. Only those who die in the state of grace but have not yet fulfilled the temporal punishment due to their sin can be in purgatory, and therefore, no one in purgatory will remain forever in that state nor go to hell.

Bi- Annual St Conval's Cemetery Mass: This will take place on Sunday the 4th of November at 2pm.

Healing Service: This will take place on Sunday 4th November at 2pm in St. Columbkille's Parish Hall, 2 Kirkwood St, Rutherglen. The speakers are Fr Joe, Fr. Alex Stewart and Joe Livingston. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Music, tea and coffee provided.

A Conference for Young People: A conference for young people to explore the Synod on Faith, Youth and Vocational Discernment will be held at the Conforti institute, Coatbridge from the 2nd-4th November. Come and join us for a weekend looking at the role of young people in the Church in the 21st Century – particularly looking at how to live your lives transformed in Christ. Cost £50. Sponsorship available. Limited spaces available, so please book early. If you need any further details please contact Sr. Roseanne on 07816937777 or at srroseann@me.com

200 Club Winners for October

1st Prize: Isobel Mc Guire No 182 £65

2nd Prize: David Ferguson No 58 £25

Parish Finance/Property Meeting: This will take place on Wed 7th of November in the church house at 6.45pm.

Parish Council Meeting: This will take place on Thurs 8th of Nov at 7pm in the Church house. Please see Fr Joe or Gemma Mc Cormick or put in writing anything you wish to be discussed.

Diocesan Day for Parish Readers: There will be a day for parish readers on Saturday 10th November in St Mirin's Hal from 12-2.30pm. The day is open to everyone who reads at Mass. There will be workshops on public speaking, the readings of the upcoming Liturgical year, practical help for readers and on the spirituality of the proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. All welcome

Lourdes Hospitalité: The Mass for deceased members with reunion and AGM will take place on Monday 12th November at 7pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock. Anyone who has been on Pilgrimage or is interested in being involved is invited to attend. Also, the Fundraising Ceiligh tickets are now available for the ceiligh on 30th November. It is being held in the Celtic club, Greenock . Tickets are £5 and are available by contacting Anne Louise 01475 638132

St. Margaret's Adoption Society: They are currently looking to recruit prospective adopters. If you have ever thought about adoption as a way to grow your family and would like to know more, please contact our office for a chat with one of our friendly and experienced staff on 0141 332 8371 or email info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk. A representative will speak at all Masses next weekend 3rd/4th November.

Pope Francis: Prayers at end of Mass for October

Pope Francis has asked us to recite these prayers during October for the Purification of the Church at the end of Holy Mass:

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in our day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust satan into hell and with him all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

We pray for all those who are **sick** and have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have **died recently**, and for the **anniversaries** of those who died around this time.

*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%!*