

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 14th October 2018

<p><u>Important Contact Details</u> SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u> Offertory: £253.14 + £355.00 (Standing Order) Building Fund: £222.80</p>
<p>October Devotions: During the Sundays of October there will be Rosary & Benediction at 4pm. Pope Francis has asked us to Pray the Rosary each day of October. The Pope's initiative is to invite the faithful to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and St Michael Archangel to protect the Church from evil, which seeks to separate us from God and from each other.</p> <p>Some quotes about the Holy Rosary: "Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day become a formal heretic or be led astray by the devil." St Louis de Montfort</p> <p>"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." St Francis de Sales.</p> <p>"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." St Josemaria Escriva</p> <p>"The Rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection." Pope St John XXIII</p> <p>Mary's Meals Rags to riches/raffle: Mary's Meals will be visiting the Parish this weekend. 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 tomorrow. 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</p> <p>UWS Chaplaincy: We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the chaplaincy at 45 High Street, Paisley during the day. Please contact Fr. John Morrison on 0141 8895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk. All volunteers will require a PVG.</p>	<p>World Mission Sunday 20th October This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Missio Scotland, the Scottish branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies—is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.</p> <p>Missio Scotland works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from Scotland to the bishops in the mission territories—local church directly helping local church! World Mission Sunday is the climax of Mission Month, a time in which we ask schools and parishes to focus more fully on the work of missions and missionaries worldwide. World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.</p> <p>Annual Mass for the Sick: This will take place next weekend at the Vigil Mass @ 4pm. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick please inform Fr Joe or a member of the SSVP</p> <p>Legion of Mary: We are hoping to re-start a Praesidium of the Legion of Mary in St Thomas. There will be a short talk at the end of Masses on next weekend 20th /21st October from a member of another Praesidium. There will also be a follow up meeting after the 6pm Mass on Wednesday the 24th of October(6.45pm) in the Church House.</p>



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Paisley Faith Forum: Fr. Jonathan Whitworth will be speaking on Wednesday evening on 'Eucharistic Adoration'. The talk will take place at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center, 45 High Street Paisley beginning at 7pm.

Prayer Group: Saint Francis and Saint Clare invite you to a night of talks prayer and sharing. Come and join us at the Diocesan offices on Thursday 18th October at 7pm. Pizza and a chat afterwards. Everyone welcome

5th National Divine Mercy Conference: Saturday 20 October 2018 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. -Hosted by the Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland. St Augustine's Church, 12 Dundyvan Road, Langloan, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ. Special Guest Speaker DANA together with Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz and Anthony Gielty. Register at: [WWW.GLASGOW.AC.UK/CATHOLICCHAPLAINCY/DIVINE MERCY](http://WWW.GLASGOW.AC.UK/CATHOLICCHAPLAINCY/DIVINE_MERCY) Or Email: rcchaplaincy-fodms@glasgow.ac.uk Tel: Helen Border 01505336269 for an application form. Fee £5

St Thomas's Parish Fundraising: There is a Pakoraoke Night, Pakora & Karaoke with Andrena on Friday the 26th October from 7pm-11pm in the Church Hall. Tickets from Noreen O'Donnell on 07867 505486 or Annette Urquhart on 07425 156827.

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

"Come to me all you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you strength".

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

St Luke's High School:The weekly School Mass will move to 8.30am on Wednesdays in the School Oratory after the October break. The Feast of the School Patron St Luke will be celebrated on Thurs 25th Oct at 7pm in the School Hall. All Welcome.

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

Faith Winter Session for Young Adults: Christ Our Eucharist, the Summit of Christian Life Faith Winter Session, Stonyhurst, 27-29 December during the Christmas holidays for young Catholics. This is a great experience to pray and learn about your Catholic Faith alongside 200 or so young Catholics, and in the company of priests and sisters from around the UK. A coach leaves from Edinburgh and Glasgow. This year's theme is Christ Our Eucharist, the Summit of Christian Life. Bishop John has been invited and will be attending. For more info go to faith.org.uk/events from my iPhone

SCIAF Appeal Indonesia: The Indonesian Island of Sulawesi suffered a 7.5 magnitude earthquake followed by a Tsunami. It is estimated that 1,300 people died and 48,000 people have been left homeless. SCIAF immediately released 20,000. All monies this month placed in St Anthony's Box will be forwarded for this appeal.

Popr Francis: Prayers at end of Mass for October

Pope Francis has asked us to recite these prayers below during October for the Purification of the Chuerch 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:** Molly Byrne, Etta O'Neill, Mary Tiffany, Irene Thompson, and for the **anniversaries** of: John Cleary, Edward Duggan, Eileen Cameron, Matthew Fearon, Mary Hannigan, Agnes & William Mc Hugh.

*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%!*