

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 7th October 2018

<p><u>Important Contact Details</u> SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u> Offertory: £357.87 + £355.00 (Standing Order) Building Fund: £284.65</p>
<p>Daily Mass Times (Mon 8th-Wed 10th Oct) Mon 8th, Tues 9th, Wed 10th : 10.10am.</p> <p>October Devotions: During the Sundays of October there will be Rosary & Benediction at 4pm. October and May is when the Church traditionally honours Mary, the Mother of God and of the Church. 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: "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St. Padre Pio</p> <p>"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." Sister Lucia of Fatima.</p> <p>"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors. Pope Pius XI</p> <p>No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary" Bishop Hugh Doyle</p>	<p>Parish Meeting Today (Sun 7th Oct): There will be a short meeting after the 10.00am Mass today to discuss the 4 questions that you received last weekend. Copies still available in the porch. The Parish response then can be presented at the Final Cluster meeting. Details Below!</p> <p>Final Cluster Meeting: Thurs 11th October St Luke's High School (7pm). As we approach the final round of Cluster meetings, I would like you as a parish, to consider how we move from a Church of maintenance to mission, and the processes we need for clergy and laity to participate in synodal decision making together. I would also like you to make any proposals to me that will help us implement these concrete plans; these proposals may include closing or merging parishes, opening new parishes, clergy sharing parishes with each other, and the sequencing of Mass times. Remember, I do not have any hidden plans already – all plans and proposals that you make to me I will study and examine in line with the principles of our recent Synod; if, after reflection, some proposals are insufficient, we will consider them again. If the plans include an overlap of Cluster areas, that's fine – I have no pre-prepared plans of my own. This is no easy task, but as we seek to nurture the new wine of your plans, and create the new skins required to contain and implement them, I am confident that the faith and enthusiasm we need will bring to fulfilment your plan for renewal. +Bishop John</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 the 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> <p>Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on Monday the 8th of October at 1pm. You can purchase tickets from Annette Urquhart on 0742156827 or at door of hall on the day.</p>



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Mary's Meals Rags to riches/raffle: Mary's Meals will be visiting the Parish next weekend the 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

SPUC Scotland National Conference, 200 St Vincent Street. Glasgow – Saturday 13th October 2018: This event is an excellent opportunity to hear top international speakers and learn about the exciting work being done to promote the right to life. This year we are joined by Obianuju Ekeocha: Founder & President of Culture of Life Africa and Professor John Wyatt, one of the UK's leading Neonatal Paediatricians. We will also be hearing testimony from the award-winning youth initiative, Project Truth. The day commences with registration from 9.15am and ends at 4pm. The day includes refreshments throughout the day and a hot lunch. Full Price tickets are £30, (£25 for Concessions) and can be booked on 0141 221 2094 or Charlie@spucscotland.org

20-40 Network Murder Mystery Night: Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Come along for coffee, cake and a side order of crime to solve! **Friday 19th October**, 7pm, Bianco Nero Paisley. Ticket sales close 8th October. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a £10 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

Rachel's Vineyard retreat: A retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on **Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th October 2018**. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call Sister Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Marene via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

September Winners 200 Club

Jean Meechan No 151: 1st Prize £65

Carrie- Ann Aitken No 153: 2nd Prize £25

Envelope can be collected after Mass in the Sacristy.

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.

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.

Give Me Five Campaign: Please join the campaign to increase child benefit in Scotland by £5 per child, per week and in doing so lift 30,000 children out of poverty in Scotland! All you have to do is complete the sheet available at the back of the Church. All completed sheets should be addressed to Deacon Brian MacKenzie at the Diocese of Paisley, Diocesan Offices, Ingle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR or scanned and emailed to fundraising@rcdop.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

Annual Mass for the Sick: This will take place at the Vigil Mass (4pm) on Saturday the 20th of October. All those who wish to be anointed should make themselves known to Fr Joe or a member of the SSVDP.

We pray for all those who are **sick** and have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have **died recently**: Brian Holloran, and for the **anniversaries** of: Patricia Fitzpatrick.

*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%!*