

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 4th November 2018

<p><u>Important Contact Details</u> SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u> Offertory: £341.12 + £355.00 (Standing Order)</p>
<p>November Lists: All Masses this month are offered up for those whose names are on our November Lists, which will be placed in front of the Altar. We pray for the souls in Purgatory, that they will swiftly enter the fullness of life eternal in heaven through our Masses and prayers. A lit candle will sit near the lists; another will sit near our Remembrance Window, for those who died during WWI.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>An Act of Remembrance in Neilston 11th November: To honour 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 this weekend: Monthly 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 Centre 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> <p>Bi- Annual St Conval's Cemetery Mass: This takes place today, Sunday 4th November, at 2pm.</p>



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20-40 Network Quiz Night: Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. We are having a Quiz night in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall so why not come along and test your knowledge of all things Scottish to bring in St. Andrew's Day. Saturday 24th November at 7pm. 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.

Month of the Holy Souls: Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those who've been touched by our work here in Scotland and around the world. The Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Toal, Bishop President of SCIAF and Fr. Francis McGachey at St Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin on Thursday 22nd November at 7 pm. If you are not able to attend on this occasion but would like a loved one to be remembered at the Mass please contact Siobhan or Donna on 0141 354 5555.

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 speaker will give a talk at all Masses this weekend and be available afterwards.

Hawkhead Cemetery Mass: Sunday 11th November at 2pm. Mass will be celebrated for all those who have been buried within the Cemetery grounds.

Advent Day for Primary School Children: An Advent reflection day for Primary school pupils in p 4,5, 6, 7 on Sunday 9th December 2018 at St. Joseph's, Clarkston 2-6pm. To attend the event, the children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Mass and Social/ Chaplaincy UWS: There will be Mass at 7pm in the Chaplaincy, 4 High Street, Paisley, followed by a social evening this Thursday 8th November. Food will be provided. All Secondary School pupils and University students welcome.

Be a #RedWednesday Champion of Faith – 28th November 2018: Will you, your parish, school or groups join with Aid to the Church in Need, and our UK partner CSW, to Stand Up for Faith and Freedom this #RedWednesday? The world is largely silent, so it is up to us to defend religious freedom and shine a light on the suffering of persecuted Christians and others – especially in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, China and Burma. Your prayers and ACTION are vital. BE VISIBLE. Wear something red. Light your parish or local landmark red. For information; prayer resources; lighting instructions; to add your event/action to ACN's #RedWednesday Map and for a FREE fundraising pack to help displaced Christian families in Syria go to: www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

St. Peter's, Paisley – 60th Anniversary: We will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary with a Mass of Dedication and Blessing of Memorial Altar on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7pm. The Principal Celebrant is Bishop John and former and present Clergy, Parishioners and Benefactors are cordially invited to join us. A buffet reception in St. Peter's Parish Hall will follow Holy Mass. If you wish to attend, tickets are available from Canon Cameron, Parish Priest - by post: St. Peter's, 154 Braehead Road, Paisley PA2 8NG or by email: stpeter@rcdop.org.uk .

Living Our Faith: Our next prayer event here at St John Bosco, Barwood Road, Erskine is on **Wed 14th November** and is an opportunity to remember the Holy Souls and join others for an evening of prayer and reflection. It starts at 7.30 pm. There will be some hospitality afterwards. If you would like to find out more about our prayer events, or are thinking of starting something similar in your own parish, please contact Brenda Sands on 0141 561 0616 for further information and a sharing of ideas.

Parish Fundraisers: The Pakoraoke raised £545.10 and thanks to our committee's hard work and time consuming efforts to raise much needed cash for our projects. The next event is the Tea Dance on Mon 12th of Nov at 1pm. On Fri 30th Nov at 7pm we have the Shoppers Christmas Evening. See Noreen O'Donnell if you wish to hire a Stall.

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:** Francis Balmer, Agnes Cooney, Harry Quinn, Herman Stietz, and for the **anniversaries** of those who died around this time: Norah Collins, Catherine Kelly, Christine Mc Bride, John & Isa McGuire, and for the **3 months mind** of Ree Dunne.

*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%!*