

## 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

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

<u>Important Contact Details</u>	<u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u>
SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392	Offertory: £333.19 + £355.00 (Standing Order)
<p>The <b>Annual Mass for parishioners who died Nov 2017-2018</b> will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. If you want someone else remembered at the Mass who was not a parishioner, please inform Fr Joe ASAP.</p> <p><b>Diocesan Choir:</b> If you would like to join the Diocesan Choir as we prepare for the annual Carol Concert on December 27th, please come to join us in our first rehearsal in St Charles', Paisley on Sunday 25th November at 2.30pm. All welcome!</p> <p><b>New St Mirin's Fund:</b> The Diocese of Paisley has set up a St Mirin's Fund to disburse the funds of the Episcopal Charities and the Bishop's Fund. The Fund will begin on the First Sunday of Advent and then the Fund team, chaired by Canon Peter McGarry, will make around £10,000 worth of grants annually to projects in the diocese or led by parishioners of the diocese that help to build up the Kingdom of God or alleviate special need. Applications will be considered quarterly. If you want to make an application, we encourage you to go to our diocesan website and download the forms.</p> <p><b>Pro-Life Mass:</b> Mass is on Wednesday, 21st November in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Paul Gargaro.</p> <p><b>Lectio Divina:</b> Bishop John will be leading a 'Lectio Divina' session at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley beginning at 3pm. Please come along and find out more about this ancient way of praying the Scriptures. All welcome</p> <p><b>Christmas Cards:</b> If you would like Christmas cards ordered place put your name and details of type and number on sheet provided. Box of 18 (£3.75) and packets of 10 (£1.35)</p>	<p>There will be a <b>Christmas Charity Dinner</b> in St. Mirin's Cathedral Halls on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Three course dinner with entertainment and a paying bar will be available. All proceeds will be donated to the Diocese. Email <a href="mailto:stmirinscathedral@rcdop.org.uk">stmirinscathedral@rcdop.org.uk</a> or ca;; 0141 881 2404. Tickets cost £25.</p> <p><b>Paisley Faith Forum:</b> 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 begin at 7pm at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley on the 20th and 27th November. All welcome!</p> <p><b>Advent Day for Secondary School Pupils s3-s6:</b> The Diocesan Advent reflection is on Sunday 2nd December 2018 at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley 2-6pm. To attend the event, participants must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison <a href="mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk">vocations@rcdop.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Christmas Shopping Evening 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b> If anyone would like to hire a stall contact Norren O'Donnell on 07425 156827. Raffle/Tombola Prizes can be placed in box in the porch. Evening begins at 7pm.</p> <p><b>Second World Day of the Poor:</b> Pope Francis has declared this Sunday to be the Second World Day of the Poor.</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](mailto: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.

**Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort's - Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary:** In preparation for Advent, we would like to invite you to join with us in daily prayer, as beautifully compiled by Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort's - Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. <https://rcdop.org.uk/events/saint-louis-marie-de-montforts-total-consecration-to-jesus-through-mary-1>

**All Night Vigil of Reparation in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Opening Mass in Honour of the Sacred Heart is at 8pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow; closing Mass at 6am in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Jesus. All welcome. Tea and Coffee available all night. Email [liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com](mailto:liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com) or call 07806517383 or Facebook – Glasgow Vigils Events.

**Catholic Education Week:** This will begin on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of November. Pupils from St Luke's and St Thomas will be involved in the Sunday Liturgy at the 10.00am Mass and Mr Ian Gillies the new Headteacher of St Thomas's will say a few words at the end of Mass. There will be a Second Collection which will replace the Spread Collection which will be moved to February 2019. The reason for the change is the establishment of a National Education Week (this varied between Dioceses depending on holidays). It also means there will be a collection during each academic year (August- June). The collection at the start of this year was for the academic year 2017-2018, the collection in November is for the year 2018-2019.

**Medjugorje Evening:** There will be an evening of prayer, adoration and talks about Our Lady and Medjugorje on Wednesday 28th November in St Mary's Parish Paisley. Speakers include: Deacon Eddie Macdonald, Joe Livingston and some priests. This will take place after mass in the church at 7:30pm. There will be Tea & Coffee in the sacristy after. Come and know more about Medjugorje and Our Lady's apparition.

**Hawhead Cemetery Mass:** The Hawkhead Cemetery Mass is taking place today the 18th of November.

**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 [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

**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](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**The Council of Christians and Jews, West of Scotland Branch:** For the next branch meeting we would like to invite all of our members and friends to come along and enjoy a celebration of food and festivity as we mark the time of Hanukkah and Advent. This is on Wednesday 5th December at 2pm, Giffnock Synagogue, 222 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, G46 6UE.

**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: Gino de Bona, Rosetta Cassley, Grace Corish, Jean Docherty, Elizabeth Geddes, Patrick Harley, Maureen Monaghan, Rose Ann Mc Coll, Molly Quinn, and for the anniversaries of those who died around this time: Annetta Furie, John Hearn, Wullie Martin.

*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%!*