

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Sunday 10th February 2019

<p>Important Contact Details</p> <p>SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p>Last Week's Collection(s)</p> <p>Offertory: £307.19 + £355.00 (Standing Order) Building Fund: £325.05</p>
<p>St Anthony's Box: £88.75; SPRED Boxes: £283.69; St Margaret's Adoption: £338.36</p> <p>40 Days for Life: What are you doing for Lent? Will you come and pray one hour with us each week this Lent to pray for a culture of life in Scotland? 40 Days for Life is a growing grassroots prolife lay movement which seeks to replace the culture of death with a culture of life. 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the implementation of abortion in the UK. During this time the UK has aborted 9 million babies. Half a million of these babies have been Scottish children (Source: ISD Online) Abortion is the leading individual cause of death around the world. In his encyclical Evangelium Vitae (Gospel of Life) Pope St John Paul 11 wrote 'To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every man' EV para 42 'What is urgently called for is a general mobilisation of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life: EV para 95. To join the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil email Ogilvie2019@outlook.com . 40 Days for Life stands in prayerful solidarity with all of the women, men and children whose lives have been damaged/taken by abortion.</p> <p>Lenten Reflection: Net Ministries will be hosting an afternoon of activities for S3-S6 pupils on Sunday 3rd March 2-6pm at St Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre. Come and find out more about Lent and what it means for you! Please bring along a completed consent form which you obtain from your Parish or school. For more info, contact Fr John at vocations@rcdop.org.uk</p> <p>Parish RCIA Group: If anyone is interested in enquiring about becoming a Catholic, please come along on Wednesdays after 6pm Mass to the Church House circa 6.30pm.</p>	<p>Lenten Station Masses: This is the second year of our Lenten Station Masses where our diocese imitates the ancient practice of the Church in Rome, where the Pope would celebrate Mass in a different parish church on each of the days of Lent. To prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Easter Bishop John will celebrate a Station Masses with the people in our MATN cluster areas. At each Mass he will use the readings of the day to preach a short catechetical homily on the themes below. Please come along to your cluster Mass, or maybe your Lenten discipline could be travel with the bishop and attend all of them! All Masses are at 7pm:</p> <p>Prayer 7/3/19 St. Columba's, Renfrew Fasting 11/3 St. Charles, Paisley Almsgiving 12/3 St. Mary's, Greenock Simplicity 13/3 St. Ninian's, Gourrock Chastity 14/3 St. Joseph's, Clarkston Obedience 20/3 St. Margaret's, Johnstone Reconciliation 21/3 St. John's, Barrhead Mother of the Redeemer 27/3 St. Francis, Port Glasgow</p> <p>SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run: 4th May 2019, Strathclyde Country Park, 10am for 11am run start. Millions of people around the world continue to struggle to support themselves and their families because of extreme poverty, war and natural disasters. Your entry fee and sponsorship will help fund our life changing work. Every step you take will bring someone living in poverty a step closer to supporting themselves and living with dignity. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with family, friends or going solo, sign up online at www.sciaf.org.uk to show solidarity with people in need around the world.</p> <p>SCIAF Lenten Boxes: These are now available to be uplifted along with your Lenten package from SCIAF. Please return by Easter Sunday. Thankyou.</p>



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Job Vacancy- Diocesan Offices: Admin Assistant – Part time – Monday & Friday 9am to 5pm (14 hours per week) Salary: £7,280 per annum. Paisley Diocesan Office is currently recruiting for a part time Office Assistant / Administrator. The post-holder will support the PA to the Bishop of Paisley with general office administration, ensuring the smooth running of day-to-day office procedures. The ideal candidate will have the ability to deal with a varied workload and be able to prioritise tasks to ensure deadlines are met. You will possess excellent administration, interpersonal and organisational skills. You will have previous experience of working in a busy office environment along with a good working knowledge of Microsoft packages. You will have a willingness to help others and a real “can do” attitude. To obtain an application pack for this post please either email or write to Recruitment/Admin, Paisley Diocese, Diocesan Centre Cathedral Precincts, Inle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. Closing Date for receipt of applications is Monday 18th February 2019.

Invitation: 'Youth Leaders ' Training Day, 9th February:

Would you like to start a youth group in your parish but are not sure how to go about it? Well, the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh will be hosting an information and training day on Saturday 9th February in Edinburgh to help you to do just that. All are very welcome. The training and information day will be held at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It will begin at 11am with registration. Presentations will then follow from experienced parish youth leaders. The day will conclude at 3pm. Attendees should bring a packed lunch. All training information will be available to take home in both electronic and printed form. To book a place, contact Christine Clark: catecheticscommissionbooking@gmail.com

Fundraising Dinner – St. Mirin’s Parish: Our December Fundraising Dinner raised an impressive total of £3, 545 for our Diocesan Fundraising campaign. A special thanks to all who contributed to this special evening by helping in the organisation or by coming along and helping make it such a success.

200 Club: There are 128 memberships to date. There is still time to renew/ join until Sunday 10th February or at the very latest Sunday 17th February. Both January & February's draw will take place on Sunday 24th February.

Job Vacancy - Diocesan Offices: Book-keeper full time (35 hours per week); Salary: £20,000 to £23,500 per annum, depending on experience Paisley Diocesan Office is currently recruiting for a full time Book-keeper. The post-holder will assist the Finance Manager (Parish Accounts) with preparing monthly management accounts for Paisley Diocese Parishes by maintaining a record of financial transactions on SAGE. The ideal candidate will have demonstrable knowledge and experience of book-keeping practices, along with experience of working with SAGE. The successful candidate will have a methodical and logical approach to tasks, along with the ability to plan, organize and prioritise their workload in order to meet changing priorities. The post-holder will demonstrate great attention to detail. You will be computer literate and have excellent numerical and communication skills. You will be a team player but have the ability to work on your own initiative. To obtain an application pack for this post please either email Recruitment.bookkeeper@rcdop.org.uk or write to Recruitment/Book-keeper, Paisley Diocese, Diocesan Centre Cathedral Precincts, Inle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. **Closing Date for receipt of applications is Monday 18th February 2019, 12 noon.**

New Fertility Care Scotland Clinic in Paisley

From Monday 11 February, Fertility Care will run a clinic in our Diocesan offices on Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm, running alternate Monday thereafter. They teach the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation, which helps couples achieve or postpone pregnancy in a natural way and they can help couples optimize their chances of conceiving. The service is free and confidential, and no appointment is necessary. Come and visit. Phone: 0141 221 0858 E-Mail: info@fertilitycare.org.uk Website at www.fertilitycare.org.uk Facebook www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland and Twitter www.twitter.com/billingsscot

We pray for all those who are **sick**. We pray for those who have **died recently**: Pauline Kelly Towie and 6 months mind of Ree Dunne, 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%!*