

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

First Sunday of Lent (C) Sunday 10th March 2019

<p>Important Contact Details</p> <p>SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p>Last Week's Collection(s)</p> <p>Offertory: £341.91 + £355.00 (Standing Order) SPUC: £391.84; Building Fund: £217.96</p>																																								
<p>World Day of Prayer for Women (1st March) Thank you to all who organised and took part in the service and all who provided home baking/sandwiches. The collection raised £171.20.</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 <i>Evangelium Vitae</i> (Gospel of Life) Pope St John Paul II 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>SCIAF Lenten Boxes: These are available to be uplifted along with your Lenten package from SCIAF this weekend. Please return by Easter Sunday. Thankyou.</p> <p>Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) There is a Fundraiser in the hall on Saturday the 30th of March from 1.30pm-3.30pm with Afternoon Tea/Raffle & Prosecco. Tickets £5 and you can call Margaret Mc Clune on 07842941160 to purchase.</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> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Prayer</td> <td>7/3/19</td> <td>St. Columba's, Renfrew</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fasting</td> <td>11/3</td> <td>St. Charles, Paisley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Almsgiving</td> <td>12/3</td> <td>St. Mary's, Greenock</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simplicity</td> <td>13/3</td> <td>St. Ninian's, Gourrock</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chastity</td> <td>14/3</td> <td>St. Joseph's, Clarkston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Obedience</td> <td>20/3</td> <td>St. Margaret's, Johnstone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reconciliation</td> <td>21/3</td> <td>St. John's, Barrhead</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mother of the Redeemer</td> <td>27/3</td> <td>St. Francis, Port Glasgow</td> </tr> </table> <p>200 Club Winners</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Jan 1st Prize:</td> <td>Isobel Mc Guire</td> <td>No 42</td> <td>£55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 2nd Prize:</td> <td>Monica Docherty</td> <td>No 27</td> <td>£25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 1st Prize:</td> <td>Fr Joseph Balmer</td> <td>No 87</td> <td>£55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 2nd Prize:</td> <td>Lucy Meechan</td> <td>No 107</td> <td>£25</td> </tr> </table> <p>Talks @ UWS: Back to Basics: The St Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre welcomes you to our series of Lenten Talks on Wednesdays at 7pm. Does God really Exist? Cn Tom Boyle (13.03) Was Jesus really God? Fr John Morrison (20.03) Did Jesus mean to found a Church? Fr Morrison (27.04) Do Catholics worship Mary? (04.04). 45 High Street, Paisley. Talks last 40 minutes.</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	Jan 1st Prize:	Isobel Mc Guire	No 42	£55	Jan 2nd Prize:	Monica Docherty	No 27	£25	Feb 1st Prize:	Fr Joseph Balmer	No 87	£55	Feb 2nd Prize:	Lucy Meechan	No 107	£25
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On line Lenten Retreat: www.lentenretreat.uk

Visit this to register. Every day of Lent the Ignatian Spirituality Centre will provide a reading from Sacred Scripture, a daily prayer and some food for thought. St Joseph's in Clarkston will facilitate a weekly meeting at 7pm every Tuesday from 5th March-9th April in the Church Hall. See poster in porch for more details.

Let's Meet: Would you like to meet someone special? Let's Meet is sort of like speed dating and is a very friendly, relaxed way to meet fellow single Catholics (Aged 21-40). Browns Brasserie & Bar, Glasgow. 7pm, Saturday 6th April. To find out more and buy a £10 ticket email: letsmeetscotland@gmail.com

World Youth Day: Pope Francis recently announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon in July 2022. The designated site is near the Parque do Tejo in Lisbon. Until we receive a more details regarding the dates, we're unable, at this time, to provide much information regarding accommodation, prices etc. Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

Short Term Pledge for Lent: Prayer cards available in the porch for those wishing to Abstain from Alcohol for Lent. See poster in porch.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart: Annual Lenten Retreat in St Patrick's Coatbridge on Tues 9th April at 7pm.

Gonzaga Series: Fr Stephen Reilly will present on "Young Catholics, the Problem or the Solution?" on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm in the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, G2 5RJ.

Diocesan Music Day: The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a day for musicians and singers on Saturday 16th March. The day will begin at 11.30am in the Cathedral itself, moving later on into the Cathedral hall until 2.30pm to prepare for the Easter Triduum. There will be input on each of the three days of the Triduum, with suggestions and materials for these celebrations. All welcome to attend.

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Each Friday after the 10.00am Mass and on Sundays at 4pm along with teaching on some aspect of the Passion Story.

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass:

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Fr Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

Billings Ovulation Method® Teacher Training Course

2019: Would you like to become a Teacher of the Billings Ovulation Method® of Natural Fertility Regulation? Are you a user or have been a user of the Billings Ovulation Method®? Are you an interested Health Professional? Fertility Care Scotland invites you to find out more about the BOM Teacher Training Course, running 19th – 22nd September 2019, at Schoenstatt Scotland. Kentenich Way, Campsie Glen, Glasgow, G66 7AT. For more details please contact: Fertility Care Scotland, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY. Telephone: 0141 221 0858. Email: info@fertilitycare.org.uk

Summer Camp: The Diocese of Paisley is offering a summer camp for secondary school pupils in the present s1 and s2 this summer at Alton Castle near Birmingham. Come along for a 5-day program of faith-filled fun: Holy Mass, prayer, games, activities, Alton Towers & so much more. Transport from Paisley and back. The trip will be from the 4th to the 8th August and costs £350.00. Places are limited. To reserve a place or find out more please contact Fr John Morrison, 0141 8895056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

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**. 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: John McCormack, Bill McVeigh , Frederic Seils.

*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%!*