

## 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

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

<p><b><u>Important Contact Details</u></b>                  SSVP: 07598511261                  Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p><b><u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u></b>                  Offertory: £363.31 + £355.00 (Standing Order)</p>
<p><b>Special Collection (31<sup>st</sup> March): SCIAF &amp; St Mirin's Fund</b>                  The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees. In 2017, this collection for SCIAF and the St Mirin Fund raised £28,013.</p> <p><b>New Gift Aid Envelopes April 2019- April 2020</b>                  Those who <b>Gift Aid</b> by using <b>envelopes</b> can uplift them today after Mass from the Sacristy. Those who <b>Gift Aid</b> by <b>Standing Order</b> can also uplift envelopes for the Monthly Building Fund and some Second Collections.</p> <p><b>New Fertility Care Scotland Clinic in Paisley:</b> Fertility Care 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, or contact 0141 221 0858, <a href="mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk">info@fertilitycare.org.uk</a>. Web: <a href="http://www.fertilitycare.org.uk">www.fertilitycare.org.uk</a>. We're also on and Twitter.</p> <p><b>Lenten Stations of the Cross:</b> Each Friday after the 10am Mass and on Sundays at 4pm along with teaching on some aspect of the Passion Story.</p>	<p><b>Laetare Sunday:</b> Today is called "Laetare Sunday" and takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Introit's "<b>Laetare, Jerusalem</b>". Rejoice, O Jerusalem and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. (Psalm) I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father.</p> <p><b>Teacher Open to becoming an RE Specialist in our Catholic High Schools?</b> University of Glasgow is offering courses to enable qualified teachers to gain an Additional Teaching Qualification in Religious Education (ATQRE), leading to GTCS 'Professional Recognition' and allowing you to become an RE specialist in the Catholic secondary school. If interested, contact <a href="mailto:education@rcdop.org.uk">education@rcdop.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>RE Specialist teacher (or other), recently qualifying and seeking employment?</b> Paisley diocese is compiling a list of RE specialists, qualifying or qualified and looking for employment in our schools, temporary or permanent, full time or part time. With your permission we will make this list available to our diocesan Head Teachers; some are currently looking to engage RE specialists. Contact <a href="mailto:education@rcdop.org.uk">education@rcdop.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Diocese of Paisley Youth:</b> This year's Palm Sunday celebration of World Youth Day will take place at St. Mary's, Greenock on Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April (2-6pm). It's open to all S3-S6 pupils; those participating in the Salamanca and Krakow pilgrimages should attend. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 4.30pm. Transport will leave St Mirin's Cathedral at 1pm and will leave Greenock to return to Paisley at 6pm. Book a seat by e-mailing <a href="mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk">vocations@rcdop.org.uk</a>. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Please ask your parish priest/school for a copy of the consent form.</p>



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**On line Lenten Retreat:** [www.lentenretreat.uk](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> March-9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES OR PENDING PVG CERTIFICATES:** Volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should complete the Level one Safeguarding training. The next session will be held in the Diocesan Office, Incle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or 0141 847 6138 to Register.

**Glasgow's 40 Days for Life Vigil at the QEUH.** The 40 days for Life will come to an end on Saturday 13th April with our traditional Silent Candle lit hour at 7pm. Our formal Closing Event will take place in George Square the following day at 3pm, Sunday 14th April, Palm Sunday. Jamie McGowan a member of Glasgow Students for Life is the Guest Speaker. Opposition is expected on Sunday 14th April. Please come along and be a witness to hope for a culture of life here in Scotland.

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

**Stronghold Festival: Aged 18 - 35?** The Stronghold Festival is for you! Join hundreds of people on this 4-day Catholic Festival, camping in the stunning Highlands for a powerful weekend of Adoration, Sacraments, music, talks, hill walks, evening fun and loads more! 24th-27th May 2019, Craig Lodge, Dalnally. Check out the amazing line up of speakers and book your place through our page: [www.facebook.com/StrongholdFestival](http://www.facebook.com/StrongholdFestival) - we hope to see you there! Should you wish to find out more information, feel free to contact us via email at [youth2000paisley@gmail.com](mailto:youth2000paisley@gmail.com). God Bless.

**Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal Pilgrimage**

**2019:** Monday 1st – Friday 5th JULY 2019.  
Knock and Lough Derg - £285  
Knock and Donegal Town - £375  
Single Room Supplement – Knock £10pppn  
Single Room Supplement – Donegal £20pppn  
To book or for further information contact: Day – Anne – 07901873259 [anne.doherty61@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anne.doherty61@hotmail.co.uk) or evening – Liam – 0141 569 1982 or email [liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com](mailto:liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com)

**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**, and for the **anniversaries** of those who died around this time: Brian Craig, Reta Toner Cochrane, Paul Fitzpatrick, Annie & Tommy Hughes, Betty McFlynn.