

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) Sunday 26th May 2019

<p>Important Contact Details</p> <p>SSVP: 07598511261 Hall Enquiries: 07488397392</p>	<p>Last Week's Collection(s)</p> <p>Offertory: £396.06 + £388.00 (Standing Order) Building Fund: £436</p>
<p>Ascension Thursday 30th May: This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass is at 10.00am and Primary Pupils will join us. Mass in St Luke's High School at 8.50am. The Vigil Mass (Wed 29th) at 7pm.</p> <p>Special Collection 1st/2nd June – Communications: This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees. In 2017 this collection raised £15,072 which represents 86% of our expenditure of £17,444, resulting in a shortfall of £2,732, which was funded from diocesan reserves. Please remember your donation can be gift aided.</p> <p>MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS – Wednesday - 7 p.m. 29 May 2019 Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Father 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.</p> <p>Pentecost Novena: "I invite you to join me in praying our Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit again this year when, as a diocesan family, we prepare ourselves for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Church and our mission" The Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation is promoting this online Novena for the 9 days from Ascension Thursday (30th May) till Pentecost Sunday (9th June). To sign up please access the web address http://eepurl.com/gpWxHP or logon on to the diocesan web page www.rcdop.org.uk each day.</p>	<p>Pentecost Day - 2nd June 2019: A day for Primary school pupils (p4-7) will be held at St. Fergus, Paisley on Sunday 2nd June 2-6pm. The program will include Mass. Please bring a consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your primary school or Parish Priest. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or phone 0141 889 5056.</p> <p>New Dawn in Scotland s1 - s6 Pupils: A day for s1 - s6 pupils will be held at St Mirin's church Hall, Paisley Pentecost Saturday— 8th June 2019. The day will begin at 10am with welcome and registration and end with the Vigil mass of Pentecost @ 4.30pm. Our our guest speaker is Tony Fitzpatrick, ex-professional footballer who is now the current Director of Football at St Mirren FC. Tony has a wonderful testimony that will challenge and encourage us all in our faith journey. For more information and to book places, please contact carolinelyall31@hotmail.com / 07799 608 399</p> <p>Parish Tea Dance: The next Parish Tea Dance will take place on Monday the 10th of June. The afternoon begins at 1pm and concludes at 3pm. £2 entry.</p> <p>Mary Russell School – 50th Anniversary: The school would like to extend a warm invitation to any former pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school to join them at their 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass on Thursday 13th June at 1pm. Main Celebrant – Bishop John Keenan</p> <p>Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This day will take place on Saturday 15th June 11.30am-2.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall and the church. There will be a time for prayer and talks on our understanding of the Eucharist, as well as practical points to help extraordinary ministers.</p> <p>Reception into the Church: We hope to receive into the Catholic Faith Sarah Queen and Riley Mc Dade on Sunday the 23rd of June the Solemnity of Corpus Christi at the 10.00am Mass. Please keep them both in your prayers in these last few weeks of preparation.</p>



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A simple Rosary for the month of May...

'May is the month where we recite the holy Rosary, each day meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

If you are new to the Rosary, here is a simple video that will teach you how to pray...'

Link here...<https://rcdop.org.uk/news/a-simple-rosary-for-the-month-of-may>

Rosary and Benediction today at 1pm here in St Thomas.

Bethlehem University: A Beacon of Hope, Br Peter Bray FSC, Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University, St. Andrew's Building, Eldon Street, University of Glasgow, 5.00pm Friday 7th June: On the University's work in difficult times. This is the only Catholic university in the Holy Land, with 75% of its students are Muslim and 25% Christian. Contact: Paul Donnelly, paul@donnelly.org.uk. Tel:07876562846.

Life issues: Building a Pro-life future. A pro-life conference will be held on Saturday 22nd June at St Augustine's Coatbridge to explore the skills needed in presenting the pro-life response at home, school, church and society. Speakers Austin Ruse of C-Fam, Prof Janet Smith, a renowned defender of Humanae Vitae, and Cathy Ruse of the Family Research Council and Gordon Macdonald of Care not Killing will discuss life issues, bio-ethical questions and issues affecting life, love, sex, Marriage and the family. Book before 5th May 2019 to receive the £10.00 early bird discount. Lunch is included in your ticket price. <https://lifeissues.eventbrite.co.uk>

Monastic Experience Weekend 2nd -5th August: The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience at first-hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend of Friday 2nd to Monday 5th August 2019. There will be no charge for the weekend.

The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 to 35. Anyone interested is invited to contact: Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Pluscarden Abbey Elgin Moray IV30 8UA
www.pluscardenabbey.org

Bringing the Community Together: This will take place on Fri the 14th of June in Neilston Bowling Club from 11am until 3pm. There will be information on local services, support networks and activities. There will be Food, Drama, Song, Music and lots of fun. You need to book a place so call 0141 638 2525. Email admin@sdsforumer.org There is a poster in the porch.

Gift Aid 2018-2019: We received back from Gift Aid £6,600.25 which is a increase of £1,140.36. A big thank you to all those Tax Payers who Gift Aid and to all those

Mass on Wednesday 29th : This will be at 10.00am and not the usual 6pm as we have a Vigil Mass at 7pm for the Solemnity of the Ascension.

St Thomas Primary First Communion: This will take place next Saturday the 1st of June at 10.00am. Please keep the children in your prayers. A thank you to their Class Teacher Mrs Catherine Gillespie for her excellent preparation and commitment to the Catholic Faith and also to the Parish Catechists Mrs Margaret Smyth and Theresa Millar who did great work during the Children's Liturgy and also for their faith commitment and example.

Coffee Morning 2nd June: There is a fundraising Coffee Morning with Home Baking, Rolls & Sausage and Raffle Prizes after the 10.00am Mass. This is for two of our parishoners who are going on the Youth Pilgrimage to Krakow with Bishop John in October. Please come along next weekend. See poster in porch/hall.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th June 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Edinburgh, transfers in Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal Pilgrimage 2019: Mon 1ST July - Frid 5th JULY. Knock and Lough Derg - £285, Knock and Donegal Town - £375
Single Room Supplement – Knock £10 pppn
Single Room Supplement – Donegal £20 pppn. Contact Day Anne 07901873259 anne.doherty61@hotmail.co.uk or evening Liam 0141 569 1982 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**: Angela Arcari, Leif John Nielsen, Sheila Lochrie, Edward Telfer, and for the **anniversaries** of those who died around this time: Adam Philip Bond, Charlie & Mary Coyle.

*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%!*