

## 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 9-10 except Wed  
Wed: 17.00- 17.55. Thu 10:30 -11:30

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Contact Numbers: SSVP:** 07598511261.

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**Sunday Collection:** £345.80 **Standing Orders:** £388.00

**Pro-Life:** £425.69

**Special Collection 21st/22nd September:** We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have sixteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two in Chile, five in houses throughout the diocese, five in parish presbyteries, and three at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2018 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £63,060, which represents 52% of our expenditure of £122,357. i.e. a shortfall of £59,297, which was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Investment income.

**The Annual SCES Parents' Gathering.** This will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019 at St. Francis Xavier's Primary School, Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk, and will run from 9.30am – 3.00pm. The theme for this year's parent gathering is "Caretakers of God's Creation: Laudato Si' in School and at Home". Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Lorna Gold. We will also be joined by speakers from SCIAF, who will share with us some of the work they are doing in parishes and schools. As ever, families are welcome at the gathering, and there will be special workshops and activities for children on the day. Lunch will be provided. Attendance at the event is free, but booking is essential for catering, etc. Registration details can be found on the SCES website ( www.sces.org.uk ) If you want to learn more about Dr. Lorna Gold's work, you can visit her website: www.lornagold.com

**Are you 18-35 ?** St Francis and St Clare warmly Invites you to an evening of prayer, talks , sharing and a wee something to eat afterwards. Our reflection this month is " The Gift of the Spirit " 19th September at 7-9pm in the Diocesan offices , Incle Street , Paisley. Hope you can all make it!

### St Therese of Lisieux in Paisley Diocese this weekend

The relics of Saint Therese arrive in our Diocese this weekend! Now it is our turn to receive Saint Therese and many blessings for ourselves and our loved ones, our priests, parishes and diocese. Do make sure to make your own personal visit to this Saint, the Little Flower, whose powerful intercession for ordinary folk is so well known.

**Saturday 14th September** 5.30pm Reception and Vigil Mass St Mary's, Greenock followed by private and parish visits.

**Sunday 15th September** 12am-5am- All-night Vigil, 9.30am Mass and departure for St Mirin's Cathedral. 12noon Mass at Cathedral. Polish Mass 2.30pm. 5.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction. Parish and private visits between liturgies.

**Monday 16th September** 12am-6am-All-night Vigil followed by masses. Mass at 12noon - open to all, followed by our farewell to the relics. See leaflets and Paisley Diocese website for more details. Both churches will be open at all times while the relics are present.

**We along with St John's Barrhead have the time slot between 9pm-10pm to visit the relics this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of September at St Mirin's Cathedral. The bus will leave here at 8.15pm and pick up St John's parishoners at 8.30pm. Those not going by bus can meet us at the Cathedral to join both Parishes.**

**Are you over 35 and interested in Franciscan Spirituality?** Or, do you wish to know more about a Franciscan vocation? Please contact Silvana Puddin. Email Silvanapuddin@hotmail.co.uk or if you wish to call, telephone Silvana on 07711586394

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those wishing to enquire about the Catholic Faith or for those already Catholic but wishing to understand more you are welcome to come along to the Church House on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

**Our Lady, Untier of knots:** The annual Novena to Our



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Lady, Untier of Knots continues this Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St. John's Parish, Barrhead.

**What Catholics Believe and Why They Believe It: A**

**Short Course:** If you want you want to know what you believe as a Catholic and why you believe it come to this Thursday evenings short course. By the end you will learn how the Catholic Faith all fits together and makes sense; from beliefs to worship, from morals to spirituality and devotions. Teachers: Bishop John and Francesca Vannini, RE Specialist. UWS Chaplaincy, **Thursdays 5 September to 12 December, 7.00-9.00pm.** For more info or to express and interest email [bishopjohn@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:bishopjohn@rcdop.org.uk)

**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 Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 1. The next sessions will be held in the Diocesan offices, Incle Street, Paisley on: Tuesday 24th September at 7pm and Monday 11th November at 10.30am. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or 0141 847 6138 to register.

**Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2:** The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. Sessions are available on Thursday 19th Sept at 7pm St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 22nd Oct at 7pm St. Thomas', Neilston, Tuesday 29th October at 7pm St. John's, Barrhead, Thursday 7th November at 10.3am St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 12th Nov at 7pm St. Joseph's, Clarkston. See full list in porch.

**St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre:** Sunday Mass will resume at 5pm on Sunday 15th September. From Monday 16th September Mass will be available at 12.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**The Council of Christians and Jews:** The West of Scotland Branch have their branch meeting on Monday 16th September at 2pm "Challenging Poverty – how one initiative changed the system" in Giffnock Synagogue, 222 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, G46 6UE. Contact Steve Innes for more information [scholar@ccj.org.uk](mailto:scholar@ccj.org.uk)

**National Gathering for parents with children in Catholic Schools:** Saturday 21st September 2019, 9.30-

3pm, St Francis Xavier primary school – Falkirk. Separate programme for children. Lunch will be provided. Places are free but need to be booked by phoning 0141 556 4727

**Apostleship of the Sea:** The Annual Stella Maris Mass will take place on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 5.15pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street in Glasgow. All Welcome

**20-40 Network Murder Mystery Night.** Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Our famous Murder Mystery Night is back by popular demand. Saturday 5th October, 7pm, St. Aloysius Church Hall, Glasgow. Just 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.

**A Rachel's Vineyard retreat:** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th October 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Rachel via the enquiry form on the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**Feed My Sheep: Weekend Retreat for Teachers.** Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Fri 25-Sun 27 October: A three day retreat for primary and high school teachers, to refresh and nourish you in the Lord in your personal lives and your vocation as teachers. Talks, Mass and Sacraments, Praise and Worship, rest and recreation. Full retreat £100pp. For info or to book email Paul ([paul@craiglodge.org](mailto:paul@craiglodge.org)) or tel: 01838 200216

We Pray for those who have died recently: Anne Berrie, Elena Paternoster and for the Anniversaries of Etta O'Neil, John O'Neil,, Janet Lindsay.

**Thanksgiving Post Communion Pray**

**Jesus I love and adore you. You are a special friend to me. Welcome O Jesus, O Welcome. Thankyou for coming to me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you, for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love, wherever I may be.**