

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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to offer faithful worship and to extend in His name a warm welcome to all.*

Weekly Notices

15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

Service today

11am Mothering Sunday Holy

Communion

Welcome to St Thomas' Church.

We hope that you enjoy our service today and stay for refreshments. after the service.

Everyone is welcome to Communion at the Lord's Table.

We have gluten free wafers – please ask when you come forward. We are not permitted to dip the wafer into the wine. Please do not partake in the wine if you are unwell. If you have difficulty walking communion can be brought to you in the pew.

Hymns: in the service sheet

Next Sunday:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday: 2pm Craft Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm Discipleship group – Liz and Steve's house

Friday 10.30-12 Coffee and Chat
12-1.30pm Lent Lunch

Saturday 3pm Organ recital

Prayer:

We have a prayer corner in church where you may light a candle and there are several resources there for prayer. We are very pleased to pray for individuals in the service, but this requires the express consent of the person concerned or their relative if they lack capacity to consent.

Today in our parish we pray for all who live or work in or walk through Christian Road.

Collect:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 2.1–10

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the

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bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews children," she said.

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes". So the girl went and called the child's mother.

9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, because, she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2.33-35

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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What's happening at St Thomas' Church

Access

The church has been successful in its application for a grant to improve access via the entrance to church and will begin the process of applying for all relevant permissions to install a ramp and automatic opening doors to improve the access for both wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs.

Sustainability

The church has achieved a bronze Eco Church award and is working towards silver and gold awards. We have also been successful in our application to become a Net Zero Demonstrator Church and will receive a grant to help us to transition to a more sustainable carbon neutral heating system. As part of this transition, we are looking to prevent any water ingress to protect the unique and very special Miller Nicholson Murals.

Target 25

As a Diocese inspired by A

Rocha(Eco Church) each parish is committing to working towards the conservation of two species from a list of 25 endangered groups of species in the Isle of Man working in conjunction with Manx Wildlife Trust, and many other local charities.

At St Thomas' we are committing to working to protect swifts and butterflies. St Thomas' has 3 swift boxes in the church tower and has a device that emits swift calls to encourage swifts to nest there. Last summer on two separate occasions we saw 4 swifts flying around the church. We also have worked with the Manx Wildlife Trust and Douglas Council previously with our Rainbows groups to grow plants in our Dragonflies Den planters at the entrance to church. We will grow plants to encourage butterflies around the church including some that might be considered weeds but that are good for caterpillars and so are important in the life cycle of butterflies. If you would like to help with these projects, come to speak to Liz or Steve Hull.

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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

29th March at 11am

Palm crosses will be blessed
and distributed.

HOLY WEEK

CHRISM EUCHARIST

*Wednesday 1st April
at 10am*

*in the Cathedral in Peel
Followed by lunch.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Holy Communion
2nd April at 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY

*Service of the Word
3rd April at 10.30am*

EASTER

SUNRISE BEACH SERVICE

*At 6.15am on the beach at the
bottom of Broadway*

**HOLY COMMUNION AND
BAPTISM**

5th April at 11am

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday 19th April after
morning service at 12.15pm**

CORRIB SINGERS

9th April @ 7.30pm

This men's choir sing folk songs,
hymns, sea shanties, original songs
and traditional Irish music. They
have toured Iceland, Scotland,
Wales and Inis Mór.

Contact Information

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*For Financial Matters please speak to
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**To donate with a card there is a
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