

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 2nd/3rd 2021 – Second Sunday after Christmas

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

❖ Wednesday, 6th January is the Feast of

The Epiphany of the Lord.

Vigil Mass Tuesday 5th January at 6.30p.m.

All Masses streamed online at www.churchservices.tv or through the Parish website www.laurellodgeparish.ie

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Today's readings assure us that God never abandons his people but is always present with them. God is close to us too. This should be a source of comfort and strength to us, especially in times of difficulty.

First Reading: (Eccles. 24:1-2.8-12)

This is a poem in praise of wisdom, a wisdom that has pitched her tent among God's people.

Second Reading: (Eph. 1:3-6; 15-18)

This reading introduces the theme of God's plan of salvation, a plan which is centred in Christ and realised through him.

Gospel: (John 1:1-18)

This is a hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God..

Reflection

Lord, grant us in all our tasks your help

In all our doubts your guidance

In all our weaknesses your strength

In all our dangers your protection

And in all our sorrows your consolation

Give us the kind of faith

That will enable us to live out joyfully

The mystery of our fragile human condition.

COVID-19 Support Lines for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week from 8.00a.m. to 8.00p.m. by calling 0818 222 024

❖ **Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:**

Jacqueline Walsh, Florrie O'Keeffe, Betty McGreal and Christopher Nix.

❖ **Remember Also:**

Michael Corduff (*1st Anniversary*), Eddie and Kathleen Byrne, Noel Brady (*4th Anniversary*), Nuala and Paddy Molloy, Michael Pardy, James McKernan, Ethel Robinson, Sr. Celine O'Mahoney, Patsy Moohan, Agnes McLaughlin, and Brigid O'Hagan –

whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those on the Altar List of the Dead

May they Rest in Peace