

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 9th/10th 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

All Masses streamed online at www.churchservices.ie or through the

Parish website www.laurellodgeparish.ie

❖ The Baptism of the Lord

In his account of the baptism of Jesus, Mark's main concern is with the identity of Jesus. The heavenly voice: 'You are my beloved Son' echoes psalm 2:7. The words 'with you I am well pleased' echoes Isaiah 42:1, pointing to Jesus as the Servant who is to bear the infirmities of many.

First Reading: (Is. 55:1-11)

Here the prophet invites all to the rich banquet of life God provides for his people. In baptism we share the life of God.

Second Reading: (1 Jn. 5:1-9)

Faith in Jesus leads us to love one another and gives us the ability to overcome evil. Jesus' baptism and death bear witness to his identity.

Gospel: (Mk. 1:7-11)

This tells how Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan, and the signs that accompanied his baptism.

Reflection: Finding One's Work - Vincent Van Gogh

I think it is a great blessing when people find their work.

I often feel that I am as rich as Croesus, not in money.

But rich because I have found my work.

In that work I have something

To which I can devote myself heart and soul

And which gives meaning and inspiration to my life.

Even though I have lots of difficulties.

And there are many gloomy days in my life.

I count myself among the fortunate.

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

Scoil Thomas – Junior Infants

Application Forms for Junior Infants 2021/2022 are available to download from the school website – www.scoilthomais.ie Applications can only be accepted from the 11th to the 29th January 2021 by post or by hand.

The Priory Institute **Online Open Day** will take place on Saturday, 23rd January. Prospective students will have an opportunity to meet with teaching staff and students online and to attend a lecture on theology. Log onto www.prioryinstitute.com for full details.

❖ Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:

Bernadette O'Carroll, Pdraig O'Meara, and Michael Caffrey.

❖ Remember Also:

Kitty and Tommy Brennan,

Deceased members of the Clarke and Slattery families,

Michael T. Doody, John Purcell,

Sean and Nancy Conneely,

Barry Cush (3rd anniversary) Oliver Leahy (*remembrance*),

Ethel Robinson, and Liz Filgate,

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

May they Rest in Peace