

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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December 20th/21st 2014 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass for the coming week – Monday and Tuesday at 10.00a.m.

Christmas Eve: Mass at 10.00a.m. Confessions from 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.

Masses:
 7.00p.m. Celebrant: Brendan Quinlan.
 9.00p.m. Celebrant: Eugene Kennedy
 11.00p.m. Concelebrated.

Christmas Day: Masses at 10.00a.m. Dan Joe O'Mahony OFM Cap.
 11.00a.m. Eugene Kennedy.
 12.15p.m. Brendan Quinlan.

St. Stephen's Day – Mass at 10.00a.m.

WATCHING

WAITING

WELCOMING

This is my first Christmas with the people of Laurel Lodge. May I wish all a happy, healthy and restful Christmas. Even among the busyness of your life perhaps you might take time out and think briefly on the following:

- ❖ Bethlehem was crowded and busy – no room at the inn. Can we make room for the person in whose honour we celebrate this occasion.
- ❖ Elizabeth welcomed Mary. Joseph welcomed Mary's Son. May we give a welcome to whoever calls to our door? Our welcome for Jesus will be reflected in the way we open our hearts to our visitors, relatives, neighbours and friends; the poor and those who are in pain this Christmas.
- ❖ Christmas is dreaded by some – those living alone; those grieving the loss of a loved one, those wrecked by anxiety over excessive drinking. Is there anyone I should visit with a word of support? My presence may be the best present.

B. Quinlan

- Last weekend's indoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul amounted to €18,700. They have asked us to pass on their appreciation and thanks to all parishioners.

CHRISTMAS – What does it mean?

A television interviewer was walking the streets of Tokyo at Christmas time. Much as in Ireland, Europe and America, Christmas shopping is also a commercial success in Japan. The interviewer asked one young shopper – what is the meaning of Christmas? Laughing she responded: "I don't know. Is that the day Jesus died?" There was some truth in her answer.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30p.m.	Tommy Fagan 2nd Anniversary
SUNDAY:	10.00a.m.	Ann O'Flaherty Birthday Remembrance
	11.00a.m.	Olive Newman Anniversary
	12.15p.m.	Patrick McKeown and Gerry Brannigan Anniversaries
	5.30p.m.	Anne Marie Corcoran Anniversary

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathleen Kelly, Joe Keogh, William O'Connor, Grace Conofrey and Terri Oglesby, all recently deceased. Also, Margaret McGovern, Josephine Manning Liam Kelly, Edward and Ellen Kirwan and deceased members of the McKeon family and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.