

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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December 12th/13th 2015 – Third Sunday of Advent

❖ ***Daring to Hope***

Expectation is probably one of the greatest killers in human relationships today. Every person is flawed; life disappoints. While gospel writer Luke speaks of a 'feeling of expectancy' among the people, their modern counterparts want to avoid let-down. Better to keep the head down and say:

"We don't expect any changes around here."

Still, we'd give our right arm for that job that jumps off the page from our second reading. 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.'

On 16 occasions Paul speaks of joy. Yet he is in prison, living under the threat of death – a time of uncertainty in a place of misery. Paul only speaks of joy, not conditioned by circumstances, but by the conviction of belonging to the Lord, of being in his care.

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**
Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Our Christmas Penance Service (Pardon Sunday) will take place before all Masses next weekend.

❖ The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual appeal will take place during all Masses this weekend. It will replace the Share collection. Thank you for your continued support. Thanks also to all the children (and their parents) who have donated toys this weekend.

❖ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 8p.m. to 9p.m. in the Day Chapel. All welcome.

➤ Castleknock ICA will be presenting a demonstration on **Christmas Flower Arranging** by Suzanne Kenna in the Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave., Castleknock on Monday next 14th December at 8.15p.m. Non members welcome. Admission: €5.

Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes (Dues)

Envelopes containing our Christmas Mass times are available from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

➤ **Youth 2000 – Christmas Retreat.**

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between the ages of 16 to 35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 18th to 20th December at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Booking is essential. Further details from www.youth2000.ie or 'phone 01-6753690.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Nancy and Jimmy Grimes Anniversaries
SUNDAY	10.00am	Maura Ní Dhonnaille Anniversary
	11.00am	Jerry O'Neill Anniversary
	12.15pm	Delia and P.J. Gurrie Anniversaries
	5.30pm	William Webster – Anniversary Also deceased members of the Webster family.

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Tommy Reid, Month's Mind. Rory Hayes, Bridie Moynihan, Kathleen Flynn, Fiona Plunkett, Myles Leonard, Baby Madison Moore, all recently deceased. Also, Norah Lavin whose anniversary occurs at this time and all those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.