

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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January 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 – Second Sunday of Christmas

❖ **The First Sunday of 2016**

O God our Father, help us not to live a life which is never any further on. Help us to learn from experience and not to make the same mistakes over and over again. Help us not go on allowing the same temptations to conquer us, and the same faults to spoil life for ourselves and for others. Help us always to look upwards and always to move onwards, that each year our life may become more nearly what you wish it to be.

Throughout this year that lies ahead give us:

- *Discipline in living:* that each day our character may become stronger and more reliable.
- *Strength of mind in deciding:* that, when we have chosen the right course, nothing may deflect us from it and that we may always be able to refuse any invitation to take any other way.
- *Loyalty in friendship:* that we may never fail or be untrue to those who trust us.
- *Fidelity in love:* that we may never bring sorrow or heartbreak to those who love us.

Grant that all through this year we may live in the presence and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday and Tuesday at 10.00a.m.

Wednesday is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 6.30p.m.

Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10.00a.m.

- ❖ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be observed as usual from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in St. Paul’s, Arran Quay, Dublin 7 on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 8p.m. The Very Rev. Dr. Kenneth Newell OBE will preach the sermon. This year the theme, *“Salt of the Earth” (1 Peter 2:9-11)*, was chosen by the Christian communities in Latvia. All welcome.

❖ **Baptisms**

Baptisms are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Compulsory attendance is required by one/both parent(s) at a Baptism Preparation Meeting for all babies baptised in the parish.

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in the Day Chapel from 7.30p.m to 8.15p.m. Bank Holiday Monday meetings will be transferred to the Tuesday of that week.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Michael Doody Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Margaret McEvoy 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	11.00am	Joseph and Michael Keogh Anniversaries
	12.15pm	John Noonan 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	5.30pm	Tommy Reid Month’s Mind

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Jane Moynihan, recently deceased.

Also, James McKernan, Kathleen, Louis and Ciara Byrne and Maureen Sweeney whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.