

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 9th/10th 2016 – The Baptism of the Lord

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

❖ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be observed as usual from the 18th to the 25th January 2016. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in St. Paul’s, Arran Quay, Dublin 7 on Monday, 18th 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.

➤ **Crosscare Food Drive Collection** will take place next weekend 16th/17th January at this church. It is to enable Crosscare Food Bank Blanchardstown to give a parcel of food to those in Dublin 15 who are struggling to feed their families at present. Please donate a non-perishable food item i.e. tea etc., or household item i.e. toiletries. Collection boxes will be at church entrance courtyard next weekend. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Monthly outdoor collection in aid of the local conference of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

❖ **Baptisms**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd 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 3rd 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.

➤ **Annual Clothing Appeal for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

Clear plastic bags will be available next weekend (16th/17th Jan) at all Masses. Bags of clothing will be collected the following weekend (23rd/24th Jan) at Sunday morning Masses only. Thank you.

➤ **Viatores Christi (VC)** will be holding an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday next 16th January at 12noon at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 for people interested in volunteering overseas and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission. Tel: 01-8689986.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Terry Shakespeare Recently Deceased
SUNDAY	10.00am	Special Intention
	11.00am	Peadar and Rita Tarleton Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Fr. McCarthy Recently Deceased
	5.30pm	Bridget Ryan Birthday Remembrance Mary Christina Ryan Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Frances Carmody, Mildred Fay, Emma Dunphy and Joseph Dolan, all recently deceased. Also, Brian Farrell, Pad McGrath, Tom McGivern and James McDonnell whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.