

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE**

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**Nineteenth Sunday of the Year – Liturgical Notes**

The readings remind us that we are servants of God and we should be aware that when we serve each other in generosity and love, we are serving God. We should always be ready to do God's work.

*First Reading*: (Wisdom 18:6-9)

Just as God came to the rescue of the people of Israel in the land of slavery, so He will save those who put their trust in Him.

*Second Reading* (Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19)

The person of Abraham is held up to us as a champion of faith. We are invited to imitate his faith.

*Gospel* (Luke 12: 32 – 48)

The parable of the waiting servants encourages us to be watchful and faithful.

*Calendar*:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: St. Dominic (1170 – 1221)

He was a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers. Their preaching is the result of their meditation and prayerful reflection on the Word of God.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) 1891-1942

A member of a Jewish family who became a Carmelite nun. She died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1942.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: St. Lawrence – deacon and martyr. One of the seven deacons of the early church in Rome. Seen as the cheerful giver. Martyred in 258.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: St. Clare. (1193-1253)

Followed the example of St. Francis in his poverty. Founder of the Poor Clares.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

6.30pm Sat. Special Intention

10.00am Eileen Connolly anniversary.

11.00am Brenda O'Donoghue anniversary

12.15pm Mary O'Shaughnessy anniversary.

**NOTICES**

***THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.***

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August is a holyday of obligation to hear Mass. Masses on that day will be 10.00am and 6.30pm. Mary was given the particular privilege of being assumed body and soul into heaven.

***PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:***

Final Call if you are intending to travel to Knock with the parish pilgrimage, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. You are invited to sign up by 16<sup>th</sup> August. We need the final number for the catering and the coach. See poster for full details.

***LECTIO DIVINA***

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm – 8.00pm there will be a meeting for those who wish to be involved in lectio divina. This is a way of contemplating scripture and integrating it into one's life. This will take place in the Day Chapel on the last Wednesday of each month. Immediately at this there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.00pm to 9.00pm.