

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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December 10th/11th 2016 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual **Christmas Appeal** will be held during all Masses this weekend. It will replace the Share collection. Thank you very much for your continued support.

❖ **Third Sunday of Advent**

On this Sunday there is an underlining theme of joy. Emmanuel – God is with us. Isaiah tells us that God will restore his people. We are reminded, not to be afraid, God will fulfil his promises.

First Reading: (Isaiah 35:1-6;10)

God is the hope of his people who are so often crushed by misfortune.

Second Reading: (James 5:7-10)

St. James asks us to be patient with one another and patient in regard to the Lord's final coming.

Gospel: (Matthew 11:2-11)

We see Jesus at work and his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John.

❖ **Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes (Dues)**

An envelope containing the Christmas Schedule of Masses have now been distributed to parishioners homes. If you are not from the parish and would like to know our Mass times please take an envelope from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

Castleknock ICA Guild will hold a demonstration on Christmas Flower Arranging by Suzanne Kenna in the Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave., on Monday next, 12th December at 8.15p.m. Admission €5. All welcome.

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on Monday next, 12th December at 7.30p.m. here in the church. All welcome. Mince pies and a cuppa in the Day Chapel following the Carol Service.

Thanks to the many parishioners for returning completed claim forms allowing the parish to reclaim a much needed €18,980 from the Revenue Commissioners Tax Back Scheme for Charities. It is not too late for those who have not yet returned their form to do so before next weekend. For those who have not returned the relevant claim form or who have mislaid them, they can be picked up from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	William Webster – Anniversary Also deceased members of the Webster family.
SUNDAY	10.00am	Anne and Frank Flynn Anniversaries
	11.00am	Jerry O'Neill Anniversary
	12.15pm	Maura Ní Dhomnaille Anniversary
	5.30pm	Kay O'Reilly Month's Mind

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Michael Burke, Finbarr Carrick, Anthony Crowe, Fr. Arthur McInerney, Fr. Colm Kenny, Michael Shanley, and Stephen Lucey.

Also, Denis Byrne and Gerard Cantwell whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.