

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 18th/19th2017 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

❖ **Third Sunday of Lent**

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert; Moses provided them with the life-giving gift of water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something better – “living water,” a share in the very life of God.

First Reading: (Ex. 17:3-7)

Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Second Reading: (Rom.5:1-2;5-8)

God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel: (John 4:5-42)

This tells the story of Jesus touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

❖ The annual Crosscare Youth Services collection will take place this weekend. It will replace the normal Share collection.
Thank you for your continued support.

Thanks to all who supported last weekend's outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to €1615.00.

➤ Castleknock ICA will present '*Easter Flower Arranging*' by Suzanne Kenna on Monday, 20th March at 8.15p.m. in the Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave. All welcome. Admission €5.

The Fundraising Committee of St. Francis Hospice would like to thank all those that contributed to their recent annual church gate collection. The amount collected was €5,472.57 which is very much appreciated by the Hospice.

The annual Castleknock GAA Cake Sale will be held in Laurel Lodge Community Centre on Sunday next, 26th March after the 10.00am Mass.
Your support would be greatly appreciated.

A Coffee Morning & Cake Sale will take place on Tuesday, 4th April from 9am to 12noon in Laurel Lodge Community Centre.
All proceeds to Peter McVerry Trust.

❖ Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21st to 26th August 2018.
Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway.

Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1st and 2nd April 2017.
Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Roslyn Cobb 7 th Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Fr. Tom Parker – Recently Deceased Also, Arthur McRory – Anniversary
	11.00am	Gerry Clarke 2 nd Anniversary
	12.15pm	Jimmy and Flo Harrison Anniversaries
	5.30pm	John Leonard Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Colette Corcoran, recently deceased.

Also Billy Flood, Eddie and Sheila Mellon, Mary Holton, Gretta McLaughlin, Mary Agnes McCallison, and Fr. Tony Baggott whose

**anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the
Altar List of the Dead.**