

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 25th/26th 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

❖ **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

The gospel story is about growing in faith. The journey of the blind man from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith – a journey from darkness to light.

First Reading: (1Sam.16:1-6-7;10-13)

God chose David, the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

Second Reading: (Eph.5:8-14)

Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must practice a lifestyle in keeping with their new state.

Gospel: (John 9:1-41)

Jesus, the Light of the World, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.

❖ On Wednesday next 29th March a Lenten Penitential Service (Confessions Rite I) will be held here in the church at 7.30p.m. A number of visiting priests will be available.

❖ Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes containing the Easter Schedule are at present being distributed to all the homes in the parish. Spare envelopes are available from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

❖ An all-night vigil will be held on Monday 10th April of Holy Week in the church from 10p.m. to 10a.m. The list is in the Sacristy.

“Juno and the Paycock” performed by Draíocht Drama Group in Castleknock Community College on Thursday, 30th March at 8p.m. For tickets contact Eilish Andrews on 086 8901147 or Breda Griffin on 086 8416431.

The annual Castleknock GAA Cake Sale takes place after all morning Masses **this** Sunday morning (26th) in the Community Centre Laurel Lodge. Your support would be very much appreciated.

The Department of Communications together with Third Age Ireland are promoting the “Getting Citizens Online Programme.” See poster in church courtyard for full details.

Coffee Morning/Cake Sale on Tuesday 4th April from 9am to midday in Laurel Lodge Community Centre. All proceeds to Fr. Peter McVerry Trust for Homeless People.

❖ 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 next weekend (1st and 2nd April). Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Christina O'Byrne Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Anna Walsh Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Derek Canavan 1 st Anniversary
	12.15pm	Peter Brady 18 th Anniversary
	5.30pm	Patrick (Paddy) O'Sullivan Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Patricia McDonnell, Vincie McDonnell, Eileen Hawkes, Michael Reidy and Rosanna Reilly, all recently deceased.

Also, Patrick Bergin, whose anniversary occurs at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.