

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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April 1st/2nd 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

❖ **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The key words in this week’s readings are: “I am the resurrection and the life.” John in his gospel attempts to elicit faith in Jesus as master of life and death. Martha is the model of faith when she said: “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

First Reading: (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. Their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

Second Reading: (Rom. 8:8-11)

It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us.

Gospel: (John 11:1-45)

By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows He is Lord of life and death.

❖ Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes containing the Easter Schedule have now been distributed to all the homes in the parish. If you are not from our parish but would like to know the Easter schedule there are spare envelopes available from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

❖ **Holy Week Vigil – Easter Preparation**

All night adoration starting at 10p.m. on Monday evening 10th April concluding with 10.00a.m. Mass on Tuesday morning. All welcome.

Welcome into our parish the children who were baptised during the month of March. They are: Fiadh, Cian, Eva, Penny, Aisling, Róisín, Olivia, Riain, Sam and Mason.

The Institute of Technology Blanchardstown will host an Open Evening on Tuesday 4th April from 5p.m. to 7p.m. Full details on www.itb.ie

The annual Advocate collection for Sunshine House will take place after all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

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. In this regard a second national collection will be held this weekend. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated. We take this opportunity to thank you for your support for last year’s first national collection.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Eileen and Edmund Dinneen Also, Maura and Christine Dinneen Anniversaries
SUNDAY	10.00am	Josephine Costello Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Andrew Myler 8 th Anniversary
	12.15pm	John and Mary Darragh Anniversaries
	5.30pm	Giuseppi Fidenza 2 nd Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Paddy O’Neill, recently deceased.

Also, Peter Jordan, (birthday remembrance), Michael Casey, Kathleen and Seamus Quinlan, Molly Mahon, Patrick, Peggy and Pat Igoe, Pat Grogan, Mary Conroy and John and Annie Kennedy whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.