

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>2017 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### ❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

### ❖ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel raises the question of forgiveness. God's forgiveness is great, while ours can be mean and conditional. Anyone who is forgiven has a duty to forgive; if we cannot bring ourselves to do this, then this is an indication that we really never have experienced God's forgiveness.

**First Reading:** (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7)

In refusing to forgive others, we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins.

**Second Reading:** (Roms. 14.:7-9)

The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 18:21-35)

We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

**CROSSCARE** – The Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will hold their annual collection for Community and Homeless Services at all Masses this weekend.

This collection will replace the normal SHARE collection.

An **Afternoon of Prayer** will take place in Castleknock College on Saturday next 23<sup>rd</sup> September starting with the Rosary at 2pm, followed by Holy Hour at 3pm and concluding with Mass at 4pm.

Contact Michael at 086 8650708 for further information.

Thanks to all who supported last weekend's outdoor collection in aid of the local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society which amounted to **€2,335.00.**

### World Meeting of Families August 2018

The Dublin Diocese is organising a series of family based activities at parish level in the first half of 2018 in preparation for the World Meeting of Families. The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for people who are willing to act as facilitators for the programme in this parish.

A training night (7.30pm – 10.00pm) is being offered for facilitators.

Further details on notices in the Church, on the parish website

[www.laurelodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurelodgeparish.ie) and on the WMOF website

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) If interested, leave your name and contact

details in the Parish Office or email [glacey@laurelodgeparish.ie](mailto:glacey@laurelodgeparish.ie)

### ❖ Mass of Thanksgiving

Bishop Raymond Field is hosting a Mass of Thanksgiving for his Pastoral Area on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown for couples who are celebrating Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Wedding Anniversaries.

See poster in courtyard for more information.

### ❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Frank Cassidy Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Paul Andrew Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Bridget Byrne 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	12.15pm	Conor Keogh Anniversary

### ❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families Kay O'Halloran, Marie Noone and Joseph Doherty, all recently deceased.

Also, Eileen Connolly (birthday remembrance), Nancy McCarthy and Peter Noone whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.