

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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September 23rd/24th 2017 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is Diocesan Safeguarding Children's Day

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

❖ **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the first reading it is stated: God's ways are not ours and his thoughts are not our thoughts. This is depicted in the gospel – God's generosity transcends human generosity.

First Reading: (Isaiah 55: 6-9)

As the heavens are high above the earth, so high are God's ways above our ways.

Second Reading: (Phil. 1:20 – 24-27)

Writing from prison, Paul is thinking about his death, and longing for complete union with Christ.

Gospel: (Matthew 20: 1-16)

This is a story about the generosity of God, which exceeds human standards.

❖ **Lectio Divina** Wednesday next 27th September from 7.15p.m. to 8.15p.m. in the Day Chapel followed by Holy Hour Adoration and Blessing in the church from 8p.m. to 9p.m. All welcome.

CROSSCARE – Thank you for your generous support at last weekend's collection which amounted to €5,495.00. It is very much appreciated.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Bishop Raymond Field is hosting a Mass of Thanksgiving for his Pastoral Area on Sunday the 15th October at 10.30a.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown for couples who are celebrating Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Wedding Anniversaries. This is also for people who are widowed. See poster in courtyard for more details.

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.laurellodgeparish.ie and on the WMOF website www.worldmeeting2018.ie If interested, leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office or email glacey@laurellodgeparish.ie

First Holy Communion

A meeting for parents of children of First Communicants will take place on Monday next **25th September at 8pm** in the Church. A brief overview of the 'Do This In Memory' programme will be given and some resource material will be distributed to parents.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Michael Ryan 1 st Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Aidan Lynch Anniversary
	11.00am	Colm Hearn Anniversary
	12.15pm	Conor O'Keeffe Anniversary

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families of Jack Breen, Phil O'Rourke, Fergal McGuinness, Patrick O'Connell and Sheila Fitzpatrick, all recently deceased.

Also, Mary Bergin, Sean Cullinan and Jane and Gerry Fallon whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.