

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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November 25th/26th 2017 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

First Friday: Friday next is the First Friday of the month.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 10a.m.
Mass until 11.30a.m.

❖ Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar we have Matthew's scene of the Last Judgement and Ezekiel's image of the caring Shepherd who looks after his flock. We will be judged on how we cared for one another.

First Reading: (Ezekiel 34:11-12;15-17)

God is portrayed not so much as a Judge of his people, but as someone who cares for them, as a good shepherd cares for his flock.

Second Reading: (1 Cor. 15:20-26;28)

At the end of time Christ will reign as universal king, having overcome all negative forces, including death.

Gospel: (Matthew 25: 31-46)

This tells us how the followers of Jesus will be judged. How have we lived the Gospel.

Parish Survey

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) carried out a Parish Survey in June of this year. While the response rate was low, most of the replies were complimentary. Thanks to all who participated.

The main issues raised were the need to reach out to young people and the need to support families in passing on the Faith. The PPC is considering how they can respond to these concerns.

Concrete suggestions on how to address these issues, and volunteers willing to become involved in implementing these suggestions, would be welcome. The PPC can be contacted through the Parish Office or email the Parish Secretary glacey@laurellodgeparish.ie

Wednesday next 29th November **Lectio Divina** from 7.15pm to 8pm in the Day Chapel followed by Adoration from 8pm to 9pm with blessing.
All welcome.

Thanks to all who supported the recent St. Vincent de Paul monthly outdoor collection which amounted to €2,605.00

Crosscare Food Appeal

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for a Parish Food Appeal on December 2nd and 3rd for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide practical support with essential food and household items. (A list of which are on a poster in the church courtyard). Boxes will be made available for the appeal on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Rebekah Kiely Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Mary Moore Anniversary
	11.00am	Jayne Cahill Anniversary
	12.15pm	Mary Kavanagh 3 rd Anniversary

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families of Paddy Molloy (father of Brian, Maple Close), Peter Keogh and P.J. Doherty, all recently deceased.

Also, Sheila Fitzpatrick (birthday remembrance), Tony Reilly, Marie Jeffers, Joe Ryan and Pat O'Malley whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.