

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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December 16th/17th December – Third Sunday of Advent

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Confessions Saturday next 22nd December: 10.30a.m. to 12noon and 2p.m. to 4p.m.

❖ **Third Sunday of Advent**

Jesus used the prophecy in our first reading to announce the programme of his own ministry. John the Baptist continues his witness to Jesus and points people in the way of the Light.

First Reading: (Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11)

The author states that the he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation.

Second Reading: (1 Thess. 5:16-24)

St. Paul tells the people of Thessalonica how they should live as they await the second coming of Christ.

Gospel: (John 1:6-8; 19:28)

John the Baptist states that he is not the Messiah; his task is to prepare the way for the Saviour, who is already among the people, though they do not recognise him.

Todate **€14,430.00** has been lodged by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul following their annual **Christmas Appeal** which took place last weekend. A final figure will be published next weekend. Thanks to all parishioners for your generosity. It is very much appreciated.

World Meeting of Families

As part of the Amoris programme in preparation for the World Meeting of Families, Christmas Icon cards are available at the back of the church. The Icon is a card which opens out to reveal the Holy Family seated at table sharing a meal. On the back of the card is the World Meeting of Families prayer, which families are invited to say around the Icon. Please take one per family.

➤ The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Dublin 15 are looking for both men and women to become Home Visitation Volunteers. For further information please contact Joe Dolan on 087 7164073.

➤ **Outdoor Collections for 2018**

Charitable groups with a connection to the parish are invited to apply by 31st January 2018 to the Parish Finance Committee c/o Parish Office for approval to hold outdoor collections during 2018. Please note that approval will be based on strict criteria and that there are only a limited number of available slots. Only approved collections are permitted on church grounds. Any queries should be directed to the Finance Committee, c/o Parish Office.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Maura Ní Dhomnaill Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Albert Moore Anniversary
	11.00am	Olive and William Newman Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Liam Kelly Anniversary

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families of Debbie Fitzpatrick, Toje Heljemalm, both recently deceased. Also, Peter Keogh (Month’s Mind), Ann Marie Corcoran (22nd anniversary), Patrick McKeown, Jerry O’Neill, John and Norah O’Reilly, William Webster and deceased members of the Webster and Lazenby families whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.