

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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December 23rd/24th 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

❖ **Christmas Schedule:**

Masses on Christmas Eve: 5.30p.m. with Teen Choir,
7.00p.m. with Cana and Vigil at 9.00pm preceded by carols
with Bealtaine from 8.30p.m.

Christmas Day: 10.00a.m. with Children’s Choir,
11.00a.m. with Folk Group and 12.15p.m. with Cana.

St. Stephen’s Day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at
10.00a.m.

❖ **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

As we come near the birth of Jesus, attention is focused on the mother. It is no surprise that Mary is at the centre of today’s gospel. Her only concern was to do the will of God; she will help us also draw near to her Son, Jesus.

First Reading: (2Sam. 7:1-5; 8-11.16)

David wants to build a house for God; instead God promises to build an everlasting dynasty for David.

Second Reading: (Rom. 16:25-27)

God’s plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles has come to fulfilment in Christ.

Gospel: (Luke 1;26-38)

God’s promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus.

➤ Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes are being handed in at this time. Thanks to all who have already contributed. Envelopes can be brought to the Parish Office or left into the Sacristy.
Thank you for your continued support.

❖ Welcome into our Parish the children who were baptised during the month of November. They are: Charlie, Sophie, Fionn, Rebecca, Caoimhe, Ezmae, Pippa, Andrew, Harper and Olivia.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Tommy Fagan Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	John Lynch Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Tim and Dan Kiely Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Mary Winifred O’Callaghan 1 st Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Patrick Lynch, Mary Neylon (mother of Bernie Byrne, Sycamore View), and Kathleen Gaffney (mother of Colette, Castleknock Rise) all recently deceased.

Also, Patrick Brown, Noel Clarke, Mary and Danny Bell and deceased members of the McKeown family whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.