

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 5th/6th 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

❖ **The Epiphany**

The Magi were searching for Christ and found him. They gave him gifts. People have followed in the footsteps of the Magi and have come to Christ. As we celebrate this Eucharist, let us open our hearts and minds to encounter the Lord.

First Reading: (1s. 60:1-6)

The prophet greets the exiles, who returned from Babylon with a vision of a restored city. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ, and in the new Israel – the Church.

Second Reading: (Eph. 3:2-3;5-6)

This reading expresses the meaning of today's feast: God invites Jews and Gentiles to share in the salvation brought by Christ.

Gospel: (Mt. 2:1-12)

Three gentiles came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child; while Jewish leaders rejected him.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturday from 5.15p.m. to 6.15p.m.
Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is held on the first Sunday of the month after the 12.15p.m. Mass and the third Saturday of the month at 3.30p.m.
Registration for baptism takes place in the Parish Office every Sunday morning (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) from 11.30a.m. to 12.15p.m.

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* will be observed as usual from the 18th – 25th January. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an Interdenominational Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of Ireland, Seafield Road West, Clontarf, Dublin 3 on Friday 18th January at 8p.m. The Very Rev. Fachtna McCarthy, from Haddington Road, will preach the sermon.

This year the theme *“Only Justice”* (Deut. 16:18-20), was chosen by the Christian Communities from Indonesia to help them reflect on ‘how do divisions in society contribute to divisions in the Church?’

❖ **Scoil Thomais, Laurel Lodge**

Application for enrolment to Junior Infants for September 2019 will take place in the school on the 14th, 15th and 16th January from 9.15a.m. to 10.30a.m.

For further information contact the school on 01 8201022 or visit www.scoilthomais.ie

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Tommy and Kitty Brennan Anniversaries
SUNDAY	10.00am	Brian Farrell Anniversary
	11.00am	Mona and Jack Mullett Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Barry Cush – Anniversary Marie and Sean Cush - Anniversaries

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Donal Kelly, Freddie Brereton and Patrick Moran, all recently deceased.

Also, Frank and Rose Whelan, Denis and Rose O'Brien, Noel Brady, Sr. Celine O'Mahony, Patsy Moohan, Agnes McLaughlin, Brigid O'Hagan, and John Noonan whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.