

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 16th/17th 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **St. Patrick – Patron of Ireland**

St. Patrick brought us the gift of faith; a faith centered on Christ. Throughout our history the gift of faith kept us together in good times and in difficult times.

First Reading: (Amos 7:12-15)

The message that Amos was preaching upsets Amaziah, the priest of Bethel. He told Amos to return home. Amos assures the people that his appointment comes from God.

Second Reading: (1 Thess. 2:2-8)

Paul states very clearly that it was God who decided that he was worthy to preach the Good News.

Gospel: (Luke 5:1-11)

Peter accepts the word of Jesus and launches out into the deep. Despite his feeling of unworthiness, he was entrusted with the Good News.

❖ **SAINT PATRICK**

Probably born in the early years of the fifth century in the Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. During his captivity he prayed many times each day. His faith is growing stronger and his love of God is increasing.

At the age of twenty-two he escapes back home. God was calling him to return to Ireland and convert the Irish. He returned to Ireland as bishop in 432. His mission was successful as he allowed Christ to direct his life. He died in 491.

The annual outdoor collection in aid of **St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown** will take place after all Masses next weekend 23/24th March. Your support is very much appreciated.

TEEN HOPE is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers promoted by the Archdiocese of Dublin. It's a space where, through fun and engaging activities, teenagers can build friendships and encounter an experience of welcoming and belonging. A number of parishes in this area have come together to offer this programme. To offer the programme, we need people who are willing to train as youth leaders. If you are interested in finding out more, you are invited to attend an *Information Meeting* in Blanchardstown Pastoral Centre (beside St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown Village) on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30p.m. or email st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Last weekend's outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul amounted to **€3,025**. Thank you for your generosity.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our much-loved former parish priest, **Eugene Kennedy**. He ministered in the parish from 1985 until his retirement in 2006. His presence will be forever felt within the community as he worked tirelessly during his time as parish priest to build up the parish in so many ways.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Gretta McLaughlin Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Nancy Grimes Anniversary
	11.00am	Norah and Christopher Rogers Anniversary
	12.15pm	Eileen Kinsella Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Harry Purdue, Dr. Barney Sherry, Graham Woods, and Robert Brady, all recently deceased.

Also, Josie Coyle, Mary Agnes McCallion, Kathleen Foley, Mary Holton, Clare Mooney, Nellie Finnegan and William (Billy) Flood whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.