

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 30th/31st 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

❖ **Easter Penitential Service (Pardon Sunday)** will take place at all Masses next weekend 6th/7th April.

❖ **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

A clear theme runs through all three readings – God's mercy to sinners. God has taken the shame of sin away from his Chosen people. The shame of the Prodigal Son is also behind him.

First Reading: (Josh. 5: 9-12)

The Israelites, free from the humiliation of slavery, enter the Promised Land and partake of its produce.

Second Reading: (2 Cor. 5: 17-21)

Christ brought about a reconciliation between God and humanity.

Gospel: (Luke 15: 1-3; 11-32)

The parable of the Prodigal Son is really the story of the forgiving Father.

❖ **Sacrament of Penance**

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturdays 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.

'Praying Around the Cross' on Tuesday 2nd April in the Church from 7p.m. to 8p.m. All welcome.

Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes containing the Easter Schedule are in the process of being distributed to parishioners' homes. Spare envelopes are available from the tables at the back of the church.
Thank you.

Child Safeguarding & Protection

The SCT continues to oversee the implementation of Diocesan policy and practice on Safeguarding.

- All volunteers in public ministry must be Garda Vetted. All prospective volunteers must also complete a Parish Ministry Form.
- Contact details for Safeguarding concerns or issues are displayed in the church porches and on the Parish website www.laurellodgeparish.ie
- There is a link to the Diocesan Safeguarding Statement on the Parish Website.

Holy Land 13th-21st September 2019 – Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. An information evening took place over a month ago and over 30 people are now booked to go on the pilgrimage. We still have some places available if anyone is interested.
Please call into the Parish Office for further details.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

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| SATURDAY | 6.30pm | <u>Memorial Mass</u> Matthew Kinsella Catherine McCauley Thomas Walsh |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Stephen Faughnan 1 st Anniversary |
| | 11.00am | Andrew Myler 10 th Anniversary |
| | 12.15pm | Giuseppe Fidanza 9 th Anniversary |

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Enda Corrigan and Patrick Rothwell, both recently deceased.

Also, Seamus and Kathleen Quinlan, Maura and John Cullen, Josephine Byrne, Deirdre O'Connor, Eileen Dinneen, Annie and Paddy O'Callaghan, Sean Keary, Molly Mahon, John and Bridie Greene, Brother Pat Grogan, Elizabeth Coughlan, Michael Fraine and Christina O'Byrne whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.