

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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May 18th/19th 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

❖ **Fifth Sunday of Easter:**

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Of all the commandments Christ gave us, this is the most important. It includes all others. The only failure in the life of a Christian is the failure to love.

First Reading: (Acts 14:21-27)

Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps, encouraging the Christian communities they founded.

Second Reading: (Rev. 21:1-5)

Taken from the final part of the Apocalypse, this opens with a vision of a new world inaugurated by Christ.

Gospel: (John 13:31-35)

During the Last Supper Jesus gives his apostles a new commandment – to love one another as He loved them.

❖ **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.

We invite all students and their families to come along to the 6.30pm evening Mass on Saturday, 25th May which will include prayers for all those sitting exams in the coming weeks.

Bekind Ireland is holding a church gate collection next weekend 25/26th May. Nine young volunteer students are going to Kolkata next month. All proceeds will support the Bekind home for orphaned and abandoned boys. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generous donation to last weekend’s outdoor collection in aid of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** which amounted to **€2,240.00**.

Ministry Sunday Collection

This weekend, 18th/19th May, for the first time we are holding a new collection which will be called the **Ministry Sunday Collection**.

This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of the communities.

The Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need – men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.

While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one step in that process.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

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| SATURDAY | 6.30pm | <u>Memorial Mass</u> Vera Keary Gerard Nangle |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | William Brophy Anniversary |
| | 11.00am | Linda Dody Anniversary |
| | 12.15pm | Nicholas Byrne Recently Deceased |

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Leonie Kelly and Nora Greene, both recently deceased.

Also, Eamon Daly (birthday remembrance), John Murphy, Patrick Bateman, John Breen, Brian Reddy, John Kinsella, James Merriman and Charles Crowley whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.