

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – founded 1982

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September 14th/15th 2019 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

❖ **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The theme of all readings today is God's mercy towards sinners. The fact that Jesus welcomes sinners and ate with them was a source of scandal to the Pharisees. They assumed that God had no time for sinners.

First Reading: (Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14)

Moses intercedes to God for the people because they had fallen into idolatry.

Second Reading: (1Tim. 15:12-17)

In this conversion, Paul is a witness to the fact that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Gospel: (Luke 15:1-32)

Through telling these parables Jesus justifies his concern for sinners.

❖ **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.

❖ **Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers**

The parish is looking for volunteers to be Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers. If you would like to join either Ministry, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office. Thank you.

❖ **Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice**

The Community Centre is hosting a coffee morning this coming Thursday to raise funds for St. Francis Hospice as part of Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for Hospice. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a chat, and donations of home baking would also be appreciated on the day.

Thanks to all who supported last weekend's outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to **€2,160.00**.

Teen Hope

Teen Hope is a parish-based faith outreach to teenagers, delivered by the Archdiocese of Dublin. Its aim is to help young people discover their true value and worth. It does this through a programme containing a mixture of fun activities and spiritual reflection. To offer the programme in this area, we need people who are willing to train as youth leaders. They do not have to be young themselves as long as they are interested in working with young people. Also, they will have to be garda vetted. A training programme of 4½ day sessions begins in Clonliffe College on Saturday, 28th September.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office or email st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Castleknock ICA **Open Night** Monday next 16th September to launch New Programme. New members especially welcome. Venue: Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave. Time: 8.15p.m.

Afternoon of Prayer in Castleknock College on Saturday next 21st September. See poster in church courtyard for details.

Cleaner required for primary school in Dublin 15. If interested send CV and cover letter to St. Francis Xavier Senior School, Roselawn Glade, Dublin 15. Closing date for application is Friday, 27th September at 12noon.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Conor Keogh 3 rd Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Sean and Mary Finlay Anniversaries
	11.00am	Geraldine (Ger) Kiely 14 th Anniversary
	12.15pm	Concepta Sheehan 1 st Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the soul of Fr. Donal O'Dea, recently deceased.
Also, Brian Dunphy, Karl Andrews and Michael and Kathleen Gannon whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.
Special Intention for couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary