

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – founded 1982

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November 30th/December 1st 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

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

Day of Pardon (Sacrament of Penance) will be held before all Masses next weekend.

❖ **First Sunday of Advent**

The season of Advent invites us to come to the house of God, so that God may teach us his ways and help us to walk in his light. The function of this season is to prepare us for Christmas.

First Reading: (Isaiah 2:1-5)

This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world, which was inaugurated by Christ.

Second Reading: (Rom. 13:11-14)

This contains a wake-up call, and encourages us to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

Gospel: (Matt. 24:37-44)

The gospel asks us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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.

Thank you for your support for the annual World Mission Sunday collection which amounted to **€2,330.00**. It is very much appreciated.

Ecumenical Service in Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock **this Sunday 1st December at 4.00p.m.** All welcome.

St. Francis Hospice – Home Visit Volunteers Required

St. Francis Hospice are looking for volunteers. The role would be to visit patients in their own homes, to sit and have a chat or bring them out into the community. The time commitment is 2 hours per week.

Contact Joyce on 01 8294000 (9.30am-1.30pm) or email volunteers@sft.ie

“A Christmas Song”

All church music groups/choirs will present a Carol Service – an evening of traditional carols and music here in the Church on Monday **next 9th December** at 7.30p.m. All welcome.

Annual Night Vigil in Knock in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bus leaves Church Ave., Blanchardstown on Saturday next, 7th December at 4.30p.m.

For bookings contact Michael Frawley on 086 8650708

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual **Christmas Appeal** will take place at all Masses **next** weekend (7th /8th December). It will replace the Share collection. Thank you for your continued support.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	<u>Month's Mind Mass</u> Rory Bruen
SUNDAY	10.00am	Dan and Martha Kelly Anniversaries
	11.00am	Marie Gogan Anniversary
	12.15pm	Matthew Bowens, William O'Connor and Fr. Ted Smyth - Anniversaries

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the soul of Josephine Devaney, recently deceased.

Also, Michael and Kathleen Gannon, John Dunne, and Agnes and Ian McCarrick whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.