

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – founded 1982**

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**December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent**

❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.  
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holyday this year.  
However, we will have an extra Mass on Monday at 11a.m.

❖ **Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah foretells us that even though the family tree of Jesse has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless from this a new shoot will spring; a Messiah will champion the poor and will restore peace.

**First Reading: (Isaiah 11:1-10)**

We hear about the coming of the Messiah and the kind of justice and peace he would bring.

**Second Reading: (Rom. 15:4-9)**

This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way Christ treated us.

**Gospel: (Matt. 3:1-12)**

We hear once again the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand."

❖ **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.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal**

This weekend the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its Annual Church Collection for those less fortunate or disadvantaged across Ireland who are struggling this Christmas. Please support if you can.  
This collection will replace the Share collection. Thank you.

**St. Vincent's Castleknock College** – see Notice in church courtyard for details of 2021 Admission Applications and 2020 Scholarship Applications.

Thank you for supporting the recent outdoor collection in aid of **RESPECT** which amounted to **€1,487.66**. It is very much appreciated.

❖ **Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes (Dues)**

An envelope containing the Christmas Schedule has been distributed to parishioners' homes. If you are not from the parish and would like to know our Mass times, please take an envelope from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

Our **Christmas Carol Service** will take place on Monday next 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30p.m. It is an occasion when we share with others the Good News that Jesus became one of us. Your presence will be an acknowledgement to all members of our parish choirs of their commitment to our weekly liturgy.

Castleknock ICA will sponsor a **Christmas Flower** arranging night in aid of the charity 'Wells for Zoë' in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave., on Monday next 9<sup>th</sup> December at 8.15p.m.  
Admission: €10 to include Raffle and Prizes. All welcome.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Maura Ní Dhomnaill Anniversary</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>May and John Brown and Ellen Dalton – Anniversaries</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Jerry O'Neill Anniversary</b>
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Terry Lawless 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary</b>

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Pray for the souls of Kay Leahy (sister-in law of Fran Leahy),  
Joan Murray and Fr. Maurice O'Moore, recently deceased.*

*Also, Sadie Niblock, James O'Connor, Margaret Ryan, Christina Ormsby, Jimmy and Paddy Roche and  
Michael Donnelly whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those  
whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.*