

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

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**December 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent**

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

❖ **Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah uses the image of the desert, made fertile by rain, to portray the confident hope that God would restore his people, a people who were crushed by misfortune.

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 35:1-6;10)

God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune.

**Second Reading:** (James 5:7-10)

St. James encourages us to be patient with one another, and patient with regard to the Lord's final coming.

**Gospel:** (Matt. 11:2-11)

We see Jesus at work, and hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John the Baptist.

❖ **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 very much for your generosity at last weekend's annual Christmas Appeal in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to **€14,045**. It is very much appreciated.

Thanks to all who attended our ***Christmas Carol Service*** on Monday night last and a special word of thanks to our choirs for providing us with their beautiful singing and music and thanks also to Denis Twomey for his technical expertise.

Pupils from Scoil Thomáis will perform their ***Christmas Carol Service*** here in the Church on Thursday next 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15p.m. All parents, children, guardians, grandparents and friends are very welcome.

❖ **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.

❖ **Outdoor Collections 2020**

Charitable groups with a connection to the parish are invited to apply in writing by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to the Parish Finance Committee c/o the Parish Office for approval to hold outdoor collections during 2020.

Please note that approval will be based on strict criteria and that there are only a limited number of available weekends.

Only approved collections are permitted on church grounds.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Eamonn Carroll Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	William Webster - Anniversary and deceased members of the Lazenby and Webster families
	<b>11.00am</b>	Sophie Ryan – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and deceased members of the Griffin and Ryan families
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Bridget Byrne 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Pray for the souls of Claire Crowley, Robert Tait, Enda Fitzgerald, Carmel Kavanagh, Dennis Mullen jnr., and Gerry Fitzpatrick (husband of Teresa, C/knock Way), all recently deceased.*

*Also, Frank Kelehan, Anna Kelly, Liam Kelly, Cora Woods, Anne Patterson and Pat and Irene Lucey, whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.*