

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

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**December 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Christmas Masses**

- Christmas Eve:** 5.30p.m. with Teen Choir,  
7.00p.m. with Cana and  
Vigil at 9.00p.m. preceded by carols with Bealtaine  
at 8.30p.m.
- Christmas Day:** 10.00a.m. with Children's Choir  
11.00a.m. with Folk Group  
12.15p.m. with Cana.
- St. Stephen's Day:** 10.00a.m.

**Confessions:** Tuesday (Christmas Eve) from 10.30a.m. to 12noon and  
from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

❖ **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

All three readings deal with the identity of the "One who is to come." Isaiah talks about the coming of a very special child. Matthew shows that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus.

❖ **First Reading (Isaiah 7:10-14)**

The reading foretells of the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God is with us.

❖ **Second Reading (Rom. 1:1-7)**

These opening lines of Paul's letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine roots of Jesus.

❖ **Gospel (Matthew 1:18-25)**

This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

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

Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes are being handed in at this time. Thanks to all who have already contributed. Envelopes can be brought to the Parish Office or put into the boxes at the back of the Church.  
Thank you for your continued support.

**Christmas GOAL Charity Mile**

Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/job in aid of **GOAL'S** humanitarian and development work in developing countries on **Christmas Day** at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park, any time from 10.30am. to 12noon.

A limited number of **2020 Calendars** incorporating a selection of paintings by the late Fr. Eugene Kennedy are on sale in the Parish Office/Sacristy. They cost **€10** each with the proceeds going to St. Francis Hospice.

**Scoil Thomáis – Enrolment**

Enrolment for Junior Infants Class for September 2020 will take place in the school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 9.15a.m. to 10.30a.m. Children seeking to enrol in Scoil Thomáis in September 2020 **must** be aged 4 years by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Contact the school for further information.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Anne Marie Corcoran 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Olive and William Newman Anniversary
	<b>11.00am</b>	Tommy Fagan 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Craig Lynch Recently Deceased

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Pray for the souls of Patsy Lacey (remembrance), Anna Kelly, David Hynes, Ann Hyland, Rita Bateman, Peter Jordan, Patrick and Peggy Browne, Patrick McKeown, Mary Fay, Jack Dunne and Nancy and Jimmy Grimes, whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.*