

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 11th/12th 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord

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

❖ **Baptism of the Lord**

The story of Jesus' Baptism is an epiphany story. Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. The fact that Jesus accepted John's Baptism of repentance was a source of embarrassment for early Christians. Why did He undergo it? To give an example of humility, to show solidarity with sinners – a mission which is described in the first reading.

First Reading: (Isaiah 42:1-4; 6-7)

Here we are given a portrait of a true servant of God. It is something realised perfectly in Christ.

Second Reading: (Acts. 10:34-38)

This contains reference to Jesus' baptism, and is an example of early Christian preaching to the Gentiles.

Gospel: (Matt. 3:13-17)

At his baptism Jesus' true identity was revealed, and he was given power for the mission he was about to begin.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturday 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.

❖ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The inaugural service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place at an interdenominational Service on Sunday, 19th January at 4.00p.m. in the Church of the Assumption, Booterstown Ave., Co. Dublin. This year the theme '*Unusual Kindness*' was chosen by the Christian Churches in Malta. All welcome.

❖ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm in the Church with live streaming on <http://www.laurelodgeparish.ie/index.php> and www.churchservices.tv

➤ **Outdoor Collection 2020**

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

❖ **Nightclasses at Castleknock Community College**

Online enrolment is now open for night classes at www.castleknockcc.ie
A discount for people over 65 years of age is also available.
Call 01 82129346 or email nightclasses@castleknockcc.ie

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Sølvi Holgersen – 8 th Anniversary Bjørn Kjørsvik – 3 rd Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Geraldine Garland 2 nd Anniversary
	11.00am	Peadar and Rita Tarleton Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Agnes and Patrick Dawdry Anniversaries

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Bridie Conway, Molly Teeling, Fr. Denis Ryan and Breda Harvey (sister of Gerry Dennehy, Cherry Dr), recently deceased.

Also, Josephine Jordan, Kitty and Tommy Brennan, deceased members of the Clarke and Slattery families, Veronica Clarke, and Barry Cush (2nd Anniversary), whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.