

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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**February 29<sup>th</sup>/March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 – First Sunday of Lent**

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

**Novena of Grace** to St. Francis Xavier will take place in the church at the 10a.m. Mass each day from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March.

❖ First Sunday of Lent

Lent recalls the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert and was tempted by the devil. Through prayer, fasting and fidelity to the Word of God, He overcome the tempter.

First Reading: (Gen. 2:7-9; 3:1-7)

Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and cause a rift between themselves and God.

Second Reading: (Rom. 5:12-19)

By his obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts lost through the disobedience of Adam.

Gospel: (Matt 4:1-11)

Jesus was tempted by the devil, but unlike Adam and Eve, He overcame the temptation.

❖ 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.

Castleknock I.C.A. presents *'Difficulties encountered by Palestinian Families Living in their own country'* a lecture by Katie Morris, a volunteer observer in the Occupied Palestinian Territories on behalf of the World Council of Churches (WCC) which monitors and reports on human rights abuses and violations in the region.

Venue is the Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave., on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8.15p.m. Non-members welcome. Fee: €5.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<u>Month's Mind</u> Cathy Horgan Frankie O'Reilly
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Calum Farrell 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	<b>11.00am</b>	Stephen Faughnan Anniversary
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Arthur and Sheila McRory Siobhan McCarthy Anniversaries

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*Pray for the souls of Des Jordan (brother of Tony, C/nock Meadows),  
Manuel Antonio Vasquez and  
Ann O'Gorman, R.I.P.*

*Also, Niall Annesley (birthday remembrance),  
Irene Casley, John and Mary Darragh, Philomena Crookes,  
Jimmy and Flo Harrison, Thomas Walsh, Marie Noone,  
Sean McDermott, Veronica and Gerard Clark and  
Stewart McLaughlin,  
whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on  
the Altar List of the Dead.*