

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 14th/15th 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

❖ **St. Patrick’s Day – Tuesday, March 17th**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, mass will be celebrated on St Patrick’s Day at 10am only. The church will be closed to the public at that time.

❖ Live streaming of daily and weekend Masses is available on <https://www.laurelodgeparish.ie/webcam> and <https://churchservices.tv>



❖ **Third Sunday of Lent**

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-giving gift of water. Jesus, the new Moses gives the people something better – living water, a share in the very life of God.

First Reading: (Ex. 17:3-7)

Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Second Reading: (Rom. 5:1-2;5-8)

God has proven his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel: (Jn.4:5-42)

This tells the story of Jesus’ touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

The annual **St. Francis Hospice** church-gate collection has been suspended as the church will be closed to the public. Please feel free to contribute to St Francis Hospice in other ways if you can afford to. Last year, St. Francis Hospice celebrated 30 years of caring within the Community and their mission for 2020, is to continue to provide best quality specialised care services to the Community of North Dublin and County.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, arrangements for the Sacrament of Reconciliation have been suspended.

ALONE - COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open Monday to Friday 8a.m. – 8p.m., by calling 0818 222 024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Thanks to all who supported last weekend’s outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to **€1,905.00**. It is very much appreciated.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Thomas Walsh 1 st Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Christopher and Norah Rogers Anniversaries
	11.00am	Eddie O’Reilly Sr. Paschal Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Fr. Eugene Kennedy 1 st Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Michael Collins, Liam Donnelly and Rafael Antonio Hermandaz R.I.P.

Also, Patrick Bergin, Josie Coyle, Patrick and Nora Moran, Elizabeth Coughlan, Sr. Phillipa Sinnott, Mary Agnes McCollion, Kathleen Foley and Pat Rothwell whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.