

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### ❖ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Christ says to us what He said to his apostles: “If you love me, keep my commandments”. We can't truly call ourselves his disciples if we don't listen to his words and try to live by them. When we fail, our lives are all the poorer for that.

### ❖ First Reading: (Acts 8:5-8; 14-17)

We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the gospel.

### ❖ Second Reading: (1 Pet. 3:15-18)

Peter encourages Christians to remain loyal to Christ even though they are suffering persecution.

### ❖ Gospel: (John 14: 15-21)

To love Christ is to listen to his words, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

### Reflection

A thing you notice about birds  
Is how they are able to take advantage of the wind  
They go with it; they go against it  
They soar into the sky; they plunge back to earth  
All the time they are availing of the power of the wind  
And I think of how we, the disciples of Jesus  
Are so easily blown off course by the winds of adversity  
Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit  
Help us to turn the hard and the easy to our advantage  
So that everything that happens to us  
May bear us along the road to your kingdom.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week 8a.m. to 8p.m. by calling  
**0818 222 024**

The Dublin Diocese Scripture Summer School 2020 will be held online from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is €40 per household and the details are on [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)

### GOLDEN JUBLILEE – FR. BRENDAN QUINLAN

Congratulations to our parish priest Fr. Brendan on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood 50 years ago this weekend. Please keep Fr. Brendan in your thoughts and prayers on this special occasion. *(The Parish Team)*

### ❖ Pray for the souls of:

Louise O'Shaughnessy  
Sr. Philip Malvisi  
Archdeacon Ciaran Holohan  
Cyril Noble  
Elizabeth Clarke

*who died recently and all those who have died in Ireland.*

### ❖ Remember also,

John Murphy, Bridie *and* Michael Moran,  
Padraig O'Meara, John *and* Peggy Martyn, Brian Reddy, John  
Kinsella *and* Harry Purdue.

*whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.*