

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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October 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10a.m. online at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) or through the Parish website [www.laurellodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurellodgeparish.ie)

### ❖ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God bestowed on his people the sort of care that a dedicated vinedresser bestows on his vineyard. But the people failed to produce the fruits of right living. We are the new people of God. God looks to us to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace.

#### ❖ First Reading: (Is. 5:1-7)

Israel is compared to a well-cared for vineyard which fails to produce fruit.

#### ❖ Second Reading: (Phil. 4:6-9)

St. Paul warns the converts at Philippi against anxiety and advises them as to how they should live in order to enjoy the peace of God.

#### ❖ Gospel: (Matt. 21:33-43)

The parable of the wicked vinedressers tells of God's goodness to his people, and their failure to respond in kind.

### Reflection

*Jesus says to us what he said to his apostles*

*I am the vine, you are the branches*

*United with me, you will bear much fruit*

*Separated from me, you can do nothing.*

*The fruits that Jesus desires from us*

*Is primarily the fruit of love*

*Lord, with your patient urging*

*Help us to produce the fruit of love*

*And the world will know*

*That we are the living branches of you, the True Vine.*

### ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections during Mass.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for the First and Second Collections. Please take one with you and return it next weekend in the boxes provided at the end of the church. Thank you.

If you put your name and address on the envelope, we are now in a position to allocate that amount to your Contributor Number which can help when we claim tax back later in the year.

The **Donate Button** is now operational on the parish website for those who would like to contribute. Thank you for your support.

### ❖ November Altar List of Dead

#### Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

The 6.30pm Mass on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be a special **Mass of Remembrance and Service of Light** for deceased relatives and friends of this parish who have died since last November. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions it is unlikely that our Church will re-open by then for public Masses and even if it is we will be reduced in numbers. Therefore, this special Mass will be said behind closed doors. **The names of those who have died since last November will be read out at the Mass and a candle will be lit for each of the deceased.**

The Mass will be live streamed on the parish webcam or can be viewed through [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

If you would like your deceased relative or friend included in this special Mass, please put the deceased name into the **Book of Remembrance** which will be placed on the tables at the back of the church. The church is open for private prayer from 10.30am to 4pm each day. The Book of Remembrance is only for those who have passed away during the past year.

**November Altar List of the Dead envelopes will not be delivered to homes in the parish this year but are available at the back of the Church.** Please take one, include the names of your deceased relatives and friends on it and return it to the Parish Office as soon as you can. All names on the November Altar List will be prayed for on the First Friday of every month from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Pray for the repose of the soul of  
Dermot Gannon, recently deceased.*

#### Remember also,

**Ella and Martin Henry, Niall Annesley**

**Eva Duggan, Martin Brosnan**

**Ina Gleeson, Fiona McCarthy, Jim Mahon and Don Rainey**

*whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*