

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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February 6th/7th 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

All Masses streamed online at www.churchservices.tv or through the Parish website www.laurellodgeparish.ie

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The Book of Job confronts us with the problem of suffering. The common explanation was that suffering was a punishment for sin.

But, though, Job is a good man, he suffers greatly. His suffering causes us to take a gloomy look at life.

First Reading: (Job 7:1-4; 6-7)

Wrestling with the problem of why the innocent should suffer, Job takes a rather pessimistic view of life.

Second Reading: (1 Cor. 9:16-19; 22-23)

St. Paul tells us how he has made himself all things to all people in order to bring them the Good News of salvation.

Gospel: (Mark 1: 29-39)

In the midst of his work of teaching and healing Jesus finds it necessary to go to a lonely place to pray.

Reflection:

Jesus often went to a lonely place to pray.
Yet the same Jesus who prayed in lonely places said:

‘When you pray, go into your room,
and pray to your Father in secret.’

This means that the lonely place,

Is not necessarily a place far away.

Or that by “room” he means four walls.

That separates us physically from others.

The room is the room of our innermost heart.

This room is with us at all times.

ACCORD Dublin’s Annual Collection will take place next weekend 13th & 14th February. They realise that it will be much more difficult for parishes to support them this year – although the demand for services is greater than ever.

However, parishioners can donate in the following ways:

Online at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button.

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Rd. D3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lr. Camden St. D.2:

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We welcome into the Diocese Archbishop Dermot Farrell, the new Archbishop of Dublin. Please keep Archbishop Farrell in your prayers.

❖ Let’s Live Lent – Bringing the Gospel to Life

Five Pastoral Conversations on Zoom. Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre on Tuesdays 16th & 23rd February and on the 2nd, 9th and 16th March at 8.00p.m.

Full details including booking information shortly.

❖ Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:

Patricia Reid (*sister of Angela Andrews C/knock Oaks*),
Joseph Quinlan (*husband of Triona, C/knock Oaks*),
and Jacqueline Walsh.

❖ Remember Also:

Fiona Plunkett *and* Mary Lawless,
Catherine McCague, Margaret Fallon,
Paddy Murray, Jack Ryan, Eileen Kinsella,
Nicky Byrne – 2nd Anniversary *and*
Jim O’Connor – 20th Anniversary

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

May they Rest in Peace.