

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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February 20th/21st 2021 – First Sunday of Lent

❖ Mass for the coming week:
Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

❖ First Sunday of Lent

Temptation is part of our human makeup; a constant struggle for those who want to follow the way of Christ. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus too was tempted. So, He understands our weakness in the face of temptation. To overcome our weakness, we are assured of the help of Jesus.

First Reading: (Gen. 9:8-15)

This tells us of the covenant which God established with Noah and his descendants after the Flood.

Second Reading: (1 Pet. 3:18-22)

The waters of the Flood of Noah's time were a type of the waters of baptism by which we are saved.

Gospel: (Mark 1: 12-15)

After his baptism Jesus spent forty days in the desert during which time He was tempted.

Reflection - Lent: Springtime in the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.
First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.
Spring dresses the trees in a new robe,
And makes them young again.
But this is possible only because in autumn,
They let go of their old leaves,
And in between endured a period of nakedness.
Lent is in the springtime of the spirit.
Lord, help us not be afraid to let go of our old habits,
And to face our spiritual poverty.

Stations of the Cross will be live streamed from the church after the 10am Mass every Tuesday throughout Lent and can be followed by logging on to the parish website <http://www.laurelodgeparish.ie/webcam>

❖ Mass for Children during Lent

On Sunday, 28th February at 10a.m. we will have a Lenten Mass especially for children.

Trócaire envelopes and boxes are available from the tables at the back of the church. South Sudan, where the two families on the Lent Boxes this year are struggling to survive, is going through great pain. Please take either an envelope or box and support Trócaire in their work this Lent. Thank you.



❖ Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:

Daniel Keigher, Michael Caffrey, Patrick Kangley
and Sean Walsh

❖ Remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Leonard – 21st Anniversary
Patricia Leonard – 1st Anniversary
Dinny McArdle – Anniversary
Martin McGrath – 3rd Anniversary
Anne Curley – 10th Anniversary
Nora Flynn, Matt Ryan, Nellie Keenan, deceased members of the Casey Family, Frankie O'Reilly, Mary Ann Drohan and John and Julia Byrne

*and all those on the Altar List of the Dead
May they Rest in Peace.*