

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 6th/7th 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

All Masses streamed online through the Parish website

<https://www.laurelodgeparish.ie> or <https://www.churchservices.tv>



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Jesus' action in cleansing the temple was to protect against the desecration of the temple. Jesus was declaring that temple worship with its ritual and animal sacrifices could do nothing to bring people to God. He was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship.

First Reading: (Ex. 20:1-17)

The Ten Commandments are a map of life for a people, that has a special relationship with God.

Second Reading: (1 Cor. 22-25)

Paul preached a crucified Christ. To some the idea made no sense. To others it was a sign of the wisdom and power of God.

Gospel: (John 2:13-25))

By chasing the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the temple, Jesus passed judgement on the Jewish system of worship.

Prayer/Reflection - The House of God

The following prayer was found written over the door of a church.

'Lord, make the door of this house,

Wide enough to receive,

All who need human love and fellowship.

Narrow enough to shut out,

All envy, pride, and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough,

To be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet.

Make this a house of prayer,

And a gateway to your kingdom.'

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

<https://www.laurelodgeparish.ie/webcam>

Online Donations – <https://www.laurelodgeparish.ie>

The **Donate Button** is now operational and can be accessed through the parish website. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed and continue to do so. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

**Pray for the soul of John Murphy (husband of Breda, C/k Elms),
Recently Deceased.**

Remember also those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

**Thomas Walsh, Marie Noone, Bill Britton,
Maura Cosgrove, Eileen Kinsella,
Calum Farrell, Frank Kelly, Christy Hayes,
Martha McVeigh, Elizabeth and Angela McEvitt,
Helen Fennessy and Margaret Connolly
and all those on the Altar List of the Dead**

May they Rest in Peace.