

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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March 20th/21st 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Ceremonies 2021 (all on webcam)
<https://www.laurelodgeparish.ie> or <https://www.churchservices.tv>.

Palm Sunday:

Vigil Mass at 6: 30pm on Saturday

Family Mass at 10am on Sunday

Mass at 11am on Sunday

Palms blessed at 6.30pm vigil Mass Saturday and will be available for collection after the 11am Mass on Sunday morning until 3pm.

Masses: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10.00a.m.

Holy Thursday: Mass at 7.30pm.

Good Friday: 12noon Stations of the Cross for Children

3.00pm Solemn Good Friday Ceremony

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: Easter vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Easter Sunday: Mass at 11.00am

Blessed Easter Holy Water will be available on request from the Sacristy from Easter Sunday.

❖ **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The First Reading talks about a new covenant between God and his people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

First Reading: (Jer. 31:31-34)

The prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God has not forgotten them, but will soon make a new and more intimate covenant with them.

Second Reading: (Heb. 5; 7-9)

Through his obedience and suffering Christ became the source of eternal life for us.

Gospel: (Jn. 12:20-33)

In his death Jesus will be glorified and this will bring life to those who follow him.

Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes for the support of the Clergy of the Diocese will be available from the tables at the back of the from this weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Reflection

*Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.
Just as the grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest.*

So, we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process.

And happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.

It is by giving that we receive; forgiving that we are forgiven.

It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

Children's Liturgy Group

The Day Chapel team from the Children's Liturgy Group have put together one thing to make and some pictures to colour in for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. They are available via the parish website www.laurelodgeparish.ie under the Children's Liturgy tab.

We would love to see pictures and artwork by children on the Lenten and Easter themes! You can email them to [laurelodgeparishwebmaster "at" gmail.com](mailto:laurelodgeparishwebmaster@atgmail.com) (insert the "at" symbol when sending the email) or leave them into the parish office (just mark your envelope Children's Liturgy Group) and we will upload them onto the Parish website and display them in the Day Chapel windows.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Pray for the souls of; Margaret Morrissey and Brendan O'Neill, Recently Deceased.

Remember also those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Pat Tobin (*senior*), Jimmy and Flo. Harrison, Nancy Clarke, Fr. Eugene Kennedy, Gretta McLaughlin, Gerald Higgins, Kathleen Foley, Tony Connolly, Peter Crowe, Fr. John Hand S.M., Marjorie O'Connell and Mary McSweeney (*birthday remembrance*), and all those on the Altar List of the Dead
May they Rest in Peace.