

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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*March 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

Holy Week Ceremonies 2021

*(All Ceremonies live streamed through the Parish website*

*<https://www.laurellodgeparish.ie> or <https://www.churchservices.tv>).*

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

**Holy Thursday:** Mass at 7.30p.m.

**Good Friday:** 12noon Stations of the Cross for Children  
3.00p.m. Solemn Good Friday Ceremony  
7.30p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday:** Easter vigil Mass at 6.30p.m.

**Easter Sunday:** Mass at 11.00a.m.

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

❖ *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

This week, all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love no man has than he lays down his life for his friends.'

*First Reading: (Is. 50, 4-7)*

The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him. As we listen to these words, we think of Jesus.

*Second Reading: (Phil. 2:6-11)*

Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has risen him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.

*Gospel: (Mark 14:1-15:47)*

St. Mark stresses the cruel trial and the shocking details of the suffering of Jesus.

**Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes** for the support of the Clergy of the Diocese are available from the tables at the back of the Church.  
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

The annual **Advocate Collection** due to take place this weekend has again unfortunately been cancelled due to Covid-19.  
However, donations can be made online at [www.sunshinefund.ie](http://www.sunshinefund.ie)

*Reflection*

*Jesus said: I am the good shepherd,  
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.  
Jesus did not have to suffer and die because he cared,  
About the flock God had entrusted to him.  
What Jesus wanted from us is not our suffering,  
But a life of love and service.  
Such a life will inevitably bring suffering,  
But Jesus supports all those who follow him.  
Down the road of faithful love and generous service.*

**Castleknock & District Lions Club** is asking for your support. They are running a virtual walk/run marathon – (Complete 42k approx. in your own time) in aid of St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown before 3<sup>rd</sup> April.  
Donate all monies raised/sponsorships at:  
[https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11398117\\_castleknock-and-district-lions-page.html](https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11398117_castleknock-and-district-lions-page.html)

Children's Liturgy Group have asked that you email your artwork on the **Easter Theme** to laurellodgeparishwebmaster "at" gmail.com (replace the "at" with the correct symbol when sending the email) and they will be uploaded onto the Parish website and displayed in the Day Chapel windows for Easter.

❖ *MASS INTENTIONS:*

*Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:*

John Murphy – Month's Mind  
Evelyn Sammon, Patricia Reid and Tom McGuinness (*brother of Tony and brother-in-law of Gertie, Maple Ave*).

*Remember also those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:*

Christina Byrne (*9<sup>th</sup>*), Andrew Myler (*12<sup>th</sup>*), Roslyn Cobb (*11<sup>th</sup>*),  
Tommy O'Keeffe (*1<sup>st</sup>*), Paddy and Patsy Bourke,  
Jimmy Keegan, Margaret Reddy (*1<sup>st</sup>*), Mary O'Brien,  
Brother Pat Grogan, Breda Ryan,  
Seamus and Kathleen Quinlan,  
Bridget, Mary and Tim Cleary, Giuseppe Fidenza,  
and Dick and Kathleen Freeman.  
*May they Rest in Peace.*