

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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*May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter*

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

**Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.**

We are looking forward to the resumption of masses from May 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Baptisms will be rescheduled over the coming weeks, while observing the public health guidelines

❖ **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

In the gospel we have the lovely image of the vine and the branches.  
Here Jesus stresses the unity that exists between him and his disciples.  
Vine and branches need each other. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches.

**First Reading:** (Acts 9:26-31)

This tells us about some of the trials Paul endured after his conversion.

**Second Reading:** (1 John 3:18-24)

Here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment of love.

**Gospel:** (John 15: 1-8)

Jesus uses the image of the vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples.

**REFLECTION**

*Lord, you said: I am the vine, you are the branches,  
Separated from me, you can do nothing,  
But united with me you will bear much fruit.  
Thank you, Lord, for the bond you have formed with us,  
And thank you for the bond that exists among us,  
Because of our union with you.  
Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches,  
To share with one another.  
Grant that we may be never separated from you.*

**Some Useful Contacts during these challenging times:**

- **Fingal's Community Response Forum COVID-19**  
Helpline 01 8905000 from 8am to 8pm for people who need help.  
FreePhone 1800 459059; Email [www.covidsupport@fingal.ie](mailto:www.covidsupport@fingal.ie)
- **ACCORD: Relationship Counselling Service** For more information please 'phone 01 8201044.
- **AWARE** is the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder. See [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) for information.
- **JIGSAW** offering young people going through a hard time from aged 12 to 25years old. Email: [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie)
- **CONSOLE 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Helpline**  
FreeFone 1800 247 247 provides free professional counselling, support, advice and information for anyone in suicidal crisis or who has been bereaved by suicide. Email: [www.console.ie](http://www.console.ie)
- **ALONE:** For older people who have concerns re COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Phone: 0818 222 024 8am-8pm.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass**

❖ **Pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased:**

**Paul Jordan and Desmond Mulhern**

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

**Seamus Kenny**

**Josie Burke – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Áine Gallagher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**Loretta Jennings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**Gerard O'Brien – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

**William and Julia Keogh, Kathleen Henry, Elsie Ryan,**

**Séamus Ó Núnáin and Ann Noonan**

*May they Rest in Peace.*