

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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May 15th/16th 2021 – *The Ascension of the Lord*

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

❖ **The Ascension of the Lord**

The first reading describes the ascension of Jesus. The ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from this earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

First Reading: (Acts 1:1-11)

This described the ascension of Jesus into heaven and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Second Reading: (Eph. 1:17-23)

Here Paul described the meaning of the ascension; God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the church and Lord of creation.

Gospel: (Mark 16:15-20)

Before ascending to the Father, Jesus commissions his disciples to preach the gospel to the whole world.

REFLECTION

“Go, preach the gospel to all nations”.

This was the farewell command of Jesus.

He has no body on earth but ours.

Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples.

Give us the courage to witness to you in the world.

And so, the gospel will be preached.

And the people will find their way into your kingdom.

❖ **A Prayer Card and Blessed Holy Oil** is available from the table at the back of the church for all those doing exams during the coming weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

❖ **Blanchardstown Centre Oratory** opens daily from 7a.m. to 3p.m., 7 days a week for private prayer.
Mass: Monday to Saturday at 1p.m. All welcome.

The local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are holding their first outdoor church collection since the pandemic **this weekend** and would ask you to support them as generously as you can. They would also like to express their sincere thanks for the support given during the pandemic. It is very much appreciated.

FAITHFEST – “Powered by the Spirit”

Calling all teenagers! Join the Dublin Diocesan Faithfest Team for an evening of games, music, workshops, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place via Zoom on Friday next 21st May from 6.30p.m. to 8.30p.m.
For more information email@ stpauls@dublindiocese.ie

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Nora O’Driscoll <i>and</i> Michael <i>and</i> Martin O’Driscoll Anniversaries
Sunday:	9.30am	Antionette Kiernan Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Joe Maher 1 st Anniversary
	12.30pm	Con Dennehy 1 st Anniversary

❖ **Remember in your prayers:**

Matthew Sheridan, Rose Boyne, Jean Nelson *and*
Derek Henry – *Recently Deceased*
Tony Connolly, Dr. John Dillon,
Agnes Lafferty, Suzannah McDaid,
Thomas O’Neill, Brian Leddy *and*
Kathleen *and* Bill Judge (*Remembrance*)
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.