

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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*July 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday of the Year*

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

❖ **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Christ fed the hungry and did so with great generosity. Here He feeds us with the food of the Eucharist. We receive this sacred food, not because we are worthy of it, but because we need it, and He invites us to receive it.

**First Reading:** (2Kgs. 4:42-44)

The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to hungry people was a sign of God's concern for his people.

**Second Reading:** (Eph. 4:1-6)

St. Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

**Gospel:** (Jn. 6:1-15)

Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously.

**Reflection – Discovering One's Own Riches**

*I live on the shady side of the road and watched my neighbours' gardens  
across the way revelling in the sunshine. I felt I was poor*

*And from door to door went in my hunger.*

*The more they gave me from their careless abundance*

*The more I became aware of my beggar's bowl.*

*Til one morning I woke from my sleep at the sudden opening of my door*

*And you came and asked for alms.*

*In despair I broke open the lid of my chest*

*And was startled into finding my own wealth –*

*Rabindranath Tagore*

❖ **Adoration** takes place in the Church every Wednesday from  
8p.m. to 9p.m. All welcome.

Also available on the parish webcam: [www.laurellodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurellodgeparish.ie)

**RESOURCES FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE  
ELDERLY – SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). Resources for use in parishes, which have been collated by the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family, are now available on [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Hugh O'Connor 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sunday:	9.30am	Elizabeth Farrell Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Eithne Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
	12.30pm	John Foran

❖ ***Remember in your prayers***

**Jean Nelson and Conor Scully**  
*recently deceased.*

*Also, Nancy Clarke, Geraldine Leahy, Tony Dooley, Nuala Molloy,  
Catherine Ryan, Catherine, Paddy, Sean and Pat Rothwell  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

*May they Rest in Peace.*