

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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August 21st/August 22nd, 2021

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd August 2021**

Jesus called on the people who listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds; whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, many deserted him.

First Reading: (Josh. 24:1-2; 15-18)

Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Second Reading: (Eph 5:21-32)

St. Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and his Church.

Gospel: (Jn. 6:60-69)

The disciples of Jesus are faced with an important decision – to stay with Jesus or leave him.

REFLECTION

When many of his disciples were leaving him

Jesus turned to the apostles and said: will you also leave me?

These words are addressed to us too.

It is not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him.

But why would we want to leave the Lord

Who alone has the words of eternal Life?

We need to make our own Peter's profession of faith.

Every Sunday we get a chance to do so.

❖ **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

Collections for the Common Fund and Share Collection

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who continue contributing to the collections. The First Collection/Common Fund is in support of clergy in the Diocese and the Second Collection is for the Share Collection.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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"

❖ **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.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday:	6.30pm	James Kelly (25 th Anniversary) and his late wife Celia.
Sunday:	9.30am	John Oliver McHugh (Remembrance)
	11.00am	Patsy Britton (2 nd Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Bertie and Josie Devaney (Anniversary)

❖ **Remember in your prayers**

Peter McCarthy, Peggy Galvin, Caroline Cunningham recently deceased

Remember Also, Sorcha O'Brien (3rd), Birdie Noonan (5th)

❖ **Edward and Statia Tracy**

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest in Peace