

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th September 2021

Life today has brought us closer to one another than ever before. We influence one another in all sorts of different ways. God wants us to support each other as we go through life. Unfortunately, this does not always happen.

First Reading: (Num. 11.25-29)

Joshua resents the fact that the gift of prophecy is now given to many others besides Moses, but Moses welcomes it.

Second Reading: (James. 5:1-6)

We hear a strong condemnation of wealth, especially when it is obtained through the exploitation of the weak.

Gospel: (Mk. 9:38-43; 47-48)

This contains a lesson in tolerance and in the avoidance of scandal and occasions of sin.

REFLECTION

*Jesus warned those who would lead the little ones astray,
But he blessed those who cared for them.*

One of the most touching things about children is their openness.

But this same openness leaves them vulnerable.

They may not say much but they feel everything.

They are like crocuses which appear in the open in February if they are embraced by the sun.

They will bloom to their full potential.

Love is to a child what sunshine is to a flower.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is of utmost importance. A letter from Archbishop Farrell for Safeguarding Sunday is available on the Parish website www.laurellodgeparish.ie. Further information on Safeguarding is available on the Parish and Diocesan websites. Contact details in relation to safeguarding concerns or issues are displayed in the church porches and on the Parish website

Changes to Masses in the Parish of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Castleknock

Because the number of active priests in Our Lady Mother of the Church parish has gone from three, to what is effectively, one and a half, and following a meeting of their Parish Pastoral Council, the number of Masses in Castleknock Parish has been reduced.

On weekdays there will be one Mass per day: **10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 7.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** In keeping the Tuesday and Thursday evening Mass, it was considered important to continue to offer some celebrations of the Eucharist at times for those who cannot attend morning Mass. For the Lord’s Day, the number of Masses will be reduced from five to three: **a Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm and two on Sunday morning.**

At present, Masses at 10am and 12 noon are being considered. The change in weekday Masses comes into effect from **Monday 4th October.** Because of restricted numbers attending due to COVID, **the new schedule of Sunday Masses will take place only after 22nd October,** from which time, please God, we will be able to welcome full congregations again.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	6.30pm	Barry Ahearne and Tom Tobin (Month’s Mind)
Sunday:	9.30am	Mr. and Mrs. Ford – (Deceased)
	11.00am	Mary and Sean Finlay (Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Conor O’Keeffe (21st Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerry McCaul, Karen Jackson, Kevin Holden (recently deceased)

Remember Also: Eileen Dunphy (birthday remembrance), Colm Hearn, Ellen and Con Gildea, Paddy and Rita O’Dally, Pauline and Paddy Roche, Mary Bergin (5th Anniversary), whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE