

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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October 2nd/3rd 2021

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd October 2021

To be a Christian is never easy in today's world. It is impossible on one's own. But we are not on our own because Christ has called us into community. Our task is to build up such community.

First Reading: (Gen. 2:18-24)

God made man and woman for each other. The bond of marriage unites them.

Second Reading: (Heb. 2:9-11)

By entering fully into human life and by experiencing death, Christ became a Saviour to all people.

Gospel: (Mk. 10:2-16)

Christ teaches that the marriage bond comes from God and is therefore indissoluble.

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

REFLECTION

*My faith is tested many times every day.
And more times than I'd like to confess.
I am unable to keep the banner of faith aloft.
If a promise is not kept, or if a secret is betrayed,
Or I experience long-lasting pain,
I begin to doubt God and God's love.
But then the Spirit lifts me up again
And once more I am secure in faith.*

The Pope's Intentions (October 2021)

Intention for evangelisation – Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The monthly outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses **this** weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

DAY FOR LIFE 2021

Day for Life is a time dedicated annually in our Church to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is on 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, Catholics are invited to consider a more positive response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. Jesus gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required. See councilforlife.ie for further resources and testimonies on this and other life issues.

The Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman captures our hope beautifully: *"May the Lord support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen."*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	6.30pm	JIMMY BROPHY (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.30am	RITA AND PETER MURRAY
	11.00am	JIM COONEY (28th Anniversary)
	12.30pm	MARY COOLAHAN (10th Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*Tony O'Flaherty, Peter Ellis, Carmel Kelly, Monica Tighe
(Recently Deceased)*

Remember Also:

*Jim Mahon, Brian Rainey, Fr. Felix McLaughlin
Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

VOLUNTEER WITH CROSSCARE

Community Cafés

Would you like to help in a really practical way to support people in food poverty in the community? Crosscare Community Cafe in D1 are looking for volunteers to help our wonderful kitchen staff behind the scenes as a volunteer kitchen porter 1-2 mornings per week (Mon-Fri 10.30-2.30) Call Orla on 086 130 1575 or email volunteer@crosscare.ie to hear more!

Romanian and Roma Interpreters

Let your language skills do the talking in this meaningful phone interpreter role. (No experience necessary as all training provided!) We are looking for Romanian Or Roma speaking volunteers with fluent English to join our Housing & Welfare Clinic team.

Phone Clinics: Wed 10am-1pm or 2pm-5pm.

Volunteer Commitment once every 2/3 weeks.

Call Orla on 086 130 1575 or email volunteer@crosscare.ie to hear more!"

Drug and Alcohol Programme

Crosscare's Drug & Alcohol programme offers a free addiction counselling service. We are currently looking for Student, Pre-accredited and Accredited counsellors/Psychotherapists to volunteer once a week for a minimum of 1-3hrs, in our Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Service. If you are interested in volunteering for DAP, please contact susan@crosscare.ie or call u **01 836 0911**

ST. VINCENT'S CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

First Year 2022 Applications: Applications for First Year 2022 will be accepted from 04 October 2021 until closing date, 4:00pm on Monday 25 October 2021. No applications-even for brothers- will be accepted after this date.

BY POSTAL APPLICATION ONLY

2022 Scholarship Applications: The scholarship application form is now available On the College website. Scholarship applications will be accepted from 04 October 2021 until closing date, 4:00pm on Monday 25 October 2021- no applications will be accepted after this date.

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NEW PADRE PIO WEBSITE

On the memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina (23 September 2021), the Irish Capuchin Franciscan Province launched a new website for the Irish Centre for Padre Pio / National Shrine of St Pio located at St Mary of the Angel's Church Street Dublin 7. The new website address is: www.padrepio.ie. The website has a number of innovative features such as an online shop and the ability to light a virtual candle at the shrine. The Irish Centre for Padre Pio / National Shrine is the centre for Padre Pio Ministry in Ireland and is affiliated with the Shrine of St Pio in San Giovanni Rotundo. The Shrine houses a number of first class relics of St Pio and is open daily. Full details are available on the website.