

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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30th / 31st October 2021

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times for the coming week

Monday to Friday at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm

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

Also available on the parish webcam: www.laurelodgeparish.ie

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st October 2021

Scripture reminds us today of the two great commandments to love God; to love our neighbour.

First Reading: (Deut. 6:2-6)

To love God means keeping his commandments.

Second Reading: (Heb. 7:23-28)

This reading shows the superiority of Christ over the priests of the Old Testament.

Gospel: (Mk. 12:28-34)

Jesus tells us what the two most important of God's commandments are.

REFLECTION

Lord, open our hearts when they are closed

Soften them when they are hard

Warm them when they are cold

Brighten them when they are dark

Fill them when they are empty

Calm them when they are troubled

Mend them when they are broken.

SYNOD PRAYER

Every Diocese in the world has been invited by Pope Francis to embark on a Synodal pathway over the next year. This is an ecclesial way of reflecting and sharing as we walk together, in order to discern where Christ is leading us. In Dublin, our Synodal pathway takes place from now until 2023.

The following Prayer for the Synod is an adaptation of one attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (d. 636) which was prayed at the beginning of every session of the great Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find You in our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of the truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available again in our church. It is located on the table in the church porch. The cost is €2.50 and the money can be put into the shrines. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	6.30pm	Kevin Holden, Carmel Kelly (Month's Mind)
Sunday:	9.30am	Lea Flood and Lindsey Flood
	11.00am	Jane Eastman (9 th Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Billy Harmon (11 th Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Fr. Dan O’Neill, Liam Bergin

(Recently Deceased)

Remember Also:

Rory Bruen (2nd Anniversary), Myles Leonard, Michael McConnon, Sean Kavanagh, Peter Kilmartin, Mary Bergin, Charles McCarthy, John O’Flaherty

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

TAP AND GO

You will notice in our church that a new possibility of making 'cashless' donations to the Dublin Diocese is now available to you. This is not replacing our usual Sunday church collections. It's just another way of contributing for those of us now more used to not carrying cash with us and paying in shops by tapping a credit or debit bank card.

You can select one of the pre-set amounts offered or choose a custom amount, and pay by tapping your card or inserting it and entering your pin number.

The amount you donate goes straight to our Diocesan Finance Secretariat who split the contribution between supporting the Common Fund (our usual 1st collection, for the priests of our Archdiocese, including those who are sick and retired) and Share (our 2nd collection, providing essential services in the Diocese and supporting disadvantaged parishes).

Should you wish to donate specifically to our Parish, you can find that as an option already through the "Donate" button on our parish website:

laurellodgeparish.ie. Please contact the parish office if you have any difficulty with the "Donate" button.

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

Changes in our Sunday Mass schedule:

A reminder that from **Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th October** there will be the usual Saturday Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6pm and **two new Mass times on Sunday morning, at 10am and 12 noon.**

Our neighbouring parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge, has Masses for the Lord's Day at **6.30pm on Saturday**, and **9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm on Sundays.**

The nearby parish of St Philip the Apostle, Mountview Road, Clonsilla, offers a **Sunday evening Mass at 6pm.**

The weekday Mass schedule for Our Lady Mother of the Church is:

10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and

7.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

On those days when we do not have a 10am weekday Mass, our neighbouring parishes of Laurel Lodge, Porterstown and Blanchardstown all have 10am Mass.

Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes.

ALL SAINTS

The Saints are not distant, unreachable human beings. On the contrary, they are people who lived with their feet on the ground; they experienced the daily toil of existence with its successes and failures, finding in the Lord the strength to rise again and again, and to continue on their journey... The seed of holiness is Baptism. It is a matter of increasingly maturing the awareness that we are grafted onto Christ, as the branch is united to the vine, and therefore we can and must live with Him and in Him as children of God. So, holiness is living in full communion with God, now already, during this earthly pilgrimage.

The saints we celebrate today in the liturgy are brothers and sisters who admitted in their lives that they needed this divine light, abandoning themselves to it with confidence. And now, before the throne of God (cf. *Rev 7: 15*), they sing His glory for ever. They constitute the "holy city" to which we look with hope, as our definitive goal, while we are pilgrims in this "earthly city". Let us walk towards that "holy city" where these holy brothers and sisters await us. It is true, we are wearied by the harshness of the road, but hope gives us the strength to move forward. Looking at their lives, we are encouraged to imitate them. Among them are many witnesses to a holiness "found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence"

(Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et exsultate*, 7)." Pope Francis 2019

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

The **6.30 Mass on Friday 5th November** will be a special **Mass of Remembrance and Service of Light** for deceased relatives and friends of this parish who have died since last November. Where known, we have written to all who have been bereaved inviting them to this special Mass and to light a candle. If we have not written to you and you would like your deceased relative or friend included in the Mass on the **5th November**, please fill in the **Book of Remembrance** located on the tables at the back of the church. **The names of those who have died since last November will be read out at the Mass and a candle will be lit for each of the deceased.**

November Altar List of the Dead envelopes will not be delivered to homes in the parish this year but are available at the back of the church. Please include name(s) and donation (optional) in the envelope. All names on the November Altar List will be prayed for on the First Friday of every month from 2nd November 2021 to 2nd November 2022. Thank you