

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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13th/14th November 2021

Thirty Third 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

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview - 6pm)

SOLEMNITY OF ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of the Poor 14th November 2021

Introduction

St. Laurence O'Toole (1123-1180) was chosen as the first native Archbishop of Dublin. He was a reforming Archbishop and attended the Third Lateran Council. He worked for peace and reconciliation and died on a mission of peace in 1180.

First Reading: (Ezek: 36: 24-28)

God's relationship with his people is one of caring. He is faithful to his promise: you shall be my people and I will be your God.

Second Reading: (Col. 3:12-15)

We know that we are God's chosen and we are loved. We should respond to others with kindness, forgiveness and love.

Gospel: (John 10:11-18)

The Good Shepherd, knows us, protects us from harm and will lay down his life for us.

REFLECTION

God's Call – Carlo Carretto

**God's call is mysterious; it comes in the darkness of faith.
It is so fine, so subtle, that it is with the deepest silence within us.
That we can hear it. And yet nothing is surer or stronger.
Nothing is so decisive and overpowering as that call.
This call is uninterrupted. God is always calling us.**

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support in respect of the following collections:

Mission Sunday (23rd/24th October) - €1,330.60

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (6th/7th November) €2,357.01

Trócaire (6th/7th November)- €1,710

Your donations are very much appreciated.

Castleknock Lions Club will hold an outdoor collection after all Masses this weekend in aid of local charities. Your support will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC AND MARIAN SHRINE IN KNOCK

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, **on Sunday, 14 November at 3.00pm, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock.** The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic.

This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online. The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	6.30pm	John Lane (15th Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.30am	John Geoghegan (1st Anniversary), Josephine O'Donovan and Rita Geoghegan
	11.00am	Jayne Cahill (9th Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Maureen and Jim O'Connor

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Baby Grace Kane, Kay Kettle, Nancy Clarke, Peggy Brennan, Patsy & Paddy Bourke, Bridie Webb, *(Recently Deceased)*

Remember Also:

Malachi Faughnan, Kate and Matthew McGloin, Bridie and Seamus McGloin, Sally Reilly, Eamon Daly, Gertie O'Connor, Florrie O'Keefe, *Whose anniversaries occur at this time*
Oliver Leahy (birthday remembrance)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

REMEMBERING

All welcome to join us at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday lunchtimes in November for: **Remembering**. The choirs associated with the Pro-Cathedral present a series of four Sunday lunchtime performances singing a varied and wide-range of choral music. At each performance, we will remember those lost during the Covid period in a special way. **November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th all at 1.15pm.** Admission is free.

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

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:

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

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.

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday: Mass at 10am and 12 noon

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview - 6pm)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: Mass at 10am

Tuesday, Thursday: Mass at 7.30pm

CHRISTIANS PERSECUTION AWARENESS – WEEK OF WITNESS

22ND -26TH NOVEMBER 2021.

Three hundred and forty million Christians around the world face significant persecution in their daily lives. Tens of thousands of Christians have been murdered, millions have been displaced, many have been abducted and numerous Christian places of worship have been desecrated or destroyed. In

response to this situation a group of concerned citizens in the area came together in 2020 with the primary aim of raising awareness of this growing persecution. The group is called **Stop the persecution of Christians Dublin**

15. In conjunction with the organisation **Aid to the Church in Need** our group will be organising a series of events during the "Week of Witness"

22nd -26th November 2021. The activities will include prayer vigils, facilitating people who have experienced persecutions to speak in our communities, distributing booklets and leaflets, lighting up the exterior of churches in red, coordinating the ringing of church bells etc.

We would appreciate your prayers and support for persecuted Christians. For further information please contact us at 0861591188