

## **PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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Saturday/Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 12.30 pm

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6.00 pm)

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

The story of Jesus baptism is an epiphany story, revealed as the Son of God. His baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

#### **FIRST READING:** (Is. 42:1-4;6-7)

Here we are given a portrait of a true servant of God. It is perfectly realised in Christ.



#### **SECOND READING:** (Act 10:34-38)

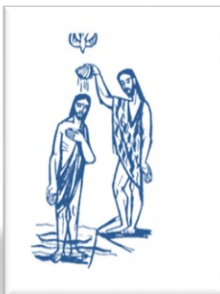
This contains a reference to Jesus baptism and is an example of the early Christian preaching to non Jews.

#### **GOSPEL:** (Mt. 3:13-17)

At his baptism Jesus reveals his true identity and he was given power to begin his mission.

### **REFLECTION**

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font. We are baptised by all that happens to us in life. We are baptised by hardships; in its turbulent water. We are purified of all that is false and useless. We are baptised by suffering in its murky waters. We grow in humility and compassion. We are baptism by love in its singing waters. We blossom like flowers in the sun. It takes a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.



**Adoration** takes place in the Church every Wednesday from 8 pm to 9 pm. All welcome. Also available on the parish webcam: [www.laurellodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurellodgeparish.ie).

**Mass Intentions:** To arrange an anniversary Mass or Mass for a special intention please phone the parish office (01 8208112) or email [office@laurellodgeparish.ie](mailto:office@laurellodgeparish.ie) with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.

**Thank You from GOAL:** Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in the Phoenix Park. Your generous donations on the day and online raised over €9,000 for GOAL's humanitarian work in Ukraine and other countries.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b><u>Deceased Members of the Cnucha and neighbouring Bridge Clubs</u></b> Angela McConnell, Michael Magee, Margaret Duffy, Mary Finnegan, Paul Phillips, Mary Jo Bergin, Helen Leonard, Kaye MacDonald, Fran Foley, Audrey Merrigan, Phyllis Lynch, Gladys Sixsmith, Mary Finnegan, Jean Kirby, Margaret Fenton, David Green, Gerri Rogerson, Joe Smith, Lillian Spillar, Siobhan Prenerville, Catherine Dunne, Betty Fallon, Tommy Kelly, Gabrielle Dineen, Brid McGinn, Adrienne Monaghan, Bee Cavanagh, Eva Gethin, Sheila O'Gorman, Claire Breen
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	GERALDINE GARLAND (5 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	BRIAN FARRELL (ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	JIM AND JAMES MCEVADDY (ANNIVERSARY)

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for:** Diarmuid Desmond, Siobhan Murray, Ceili McInerney  
(Recently Deceased)

**Also:** Dominic Kenna (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), John Noonan (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Liz Holgate, Barry Cush (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Tommy and Kitty Brennan, Pdraig O'Meara (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) and the deceased members of the O'Meara Family, John Purcell, Agnes McLaughlin O'Hagan, Sr. Celine O'Mahoney and Patsy Moohan

*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*