PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Saturday/Sunday – 8th/9th APRIL 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)



EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION – 9th April 2023

This is the day of celebration; the day Christ overcame death and rose in triumph. He did this not only for himself but for all of us.

<u>First Reading</u>: (Acts 10:34:37-43): This is part of an early sermon preached by St. Peter in which he proclaims the risen Christ.

<u>Second Reading</u>: (Col.3:1-4): Through our baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ.

<u>Gospel</u>: (John 20:1-9): On finding the tomb empty, the truth of the resurrection begins to dawn on the apostles.

Reflection: As long as the sun comes over the hills, scatters the darkness and fills the world with light.



As long as the fields get green again and the primroses and violets return, there is hope for us and our world. So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring and life is awakening from its sleep.

O come let us rejoice on this Easter Day for death has folded up his tent and gone away.

Children's Liturgy Group

We will take a break from Day Chapel activities over the Easter holidays, and will resume on Sunday 23rd April.

Junior Ministers of the Word

Have you made your First Holy Communion? Would you like to volunteer as a reader at 9.30am Family Mass? If you are interested, leave your details into the parish office or speak to one of the Children's Liturgy team.

Gaisce Award for TYs

The Children's Liturgy group facilitate Transition Year students participating in Gaisce The President's Award. Please contact us for further details.

<u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS</u> In our Deanery this year, <u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> will be celebrated with a special programme of events at <u>St. Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview, on 16th April</u>. Commencing at 2pm with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Reading from the Diary of St Faustina, Blessing of the Divine Image, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3pm, Confessions 2pm to 3pm. Holy Mass will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is being supported by priests across our Blanchardstown Deanery and all are welcome.

BAPTISMS: We welcome in baptism, Olivia, Jamie, Niall, George, Stella, and Oscar who were baptised in our church in March.

THANK YOU - The SVP wish to thank the parishioners very much tor their generous donations last week which amounted to €3,142.43

EASTER PASTORAL OFFERING ENVELOPES are available from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support and thank you also to all who have returned the Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes.

MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY ARE CELEBRATED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Hoey** recently deceased
Remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Nellie Halpin, Madge Smith, Gerry McCarrick, Bridie Hegarty,
Ned Coogan, John and Moira Cullen, Josephine Byrne
May they Rest in Peace

HE IS RISEN