PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Fr. Dan Joe O'Mahony OFM Cap. 01-8200915 / 086-8090633 Saturday/Sunday – 15th / 16th JULY 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)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16th July 2023

Jesus compares the Word of God to a seed. If a seed is to bear fruit it has to be sown in favourable ground. The ground in which the seed of God's Word is sown is the human heart.

First Reading: (Is. 55:10-11) - God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. God cares for us by sending us his word. **Second Reading**: (Rom. 8:18-23) - St. Paul tells us that the glory that awaits us far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life. **Gospel**: (Mt. 13:1-23) - Jesus compares the Word of God to a seed falling into the ground.

REFLECTION

The Word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth.

And just as the seed needs favourable soil, so the Word of God needs a favourable heart.

Lord, soften our hearts with the rain of your grace and warm them with the sun of your love.

So that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives.



THANK YOU

€2,598.63 was collected last week and we are very grateful to everyone for their generosity.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

"His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and for the Message, that bears the date of the Feast of the Visitation. This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on **Sunday**, **July** 23, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm James and Bridget Brogan (Anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Margaret Lawless (2nd Anniversary)

11.00 am John Fitzpatrick (9th Anniversary)

12.30 pm Margaret Galvin (4th Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for – Michael Jago whose funeral took place this week, Clare-Anne Daly and Thomas Meleady (recently deceased)

Maria McCann (Months Mind)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Con Smith, Iryna and Roman Khomyak, Oleg Khomyak,
Edward Boyle (1st Anniversary), Peter Jordan, Dolly Ring,
Charlie, Enda and Cathal Reilly, Dermot Lynch,
Linda Doody

Alice and James Madden (Birthday Remembrance)

The Pope's Intentions July 2023

For a Eucharist Life
We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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PRAYERS/INTENTIONS

A basket will be left at the altar for people to place their intentions/prayer requests. These will be prayed for at the 10.00 am Mass on the day.

BAPTISMS:

Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. 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

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 with the details.

Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan.

Early booking is recommended.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATON

Friday mornings 9.00am – 9.30am
Saturday evenings – 5.00pm – 5.45pm
Rite II (communal celebration) – after the 6.30 pm Mass on the
1st Saturday of the month