

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**Saturday/Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23<sup>RD</sup> July 2023

**Weeds among the wheat. We gather this morning in church because we know we are sinners. The Lord knows this and yet still loves us.**

**First Reading:** (Wis. 12: 13, 16-19)



God's attitude to us his creatures is one of care and love. It is this attitude which should reflect our dealings with each other.

**Second Reading:** (Rom. 8:20-27)

Here Paul is talking about prayer – a profound form of prayer at that.

Those who find prayer difficult should take courage from Paul's words.

**Gospel:** (Mt. 13:24-43)

This parable addressed the problem of sinners in the kingdom.

### REFLECTION

*In general we reap what we sow.*

*We can't expect to reap good if we sow evil.*

*Even though we have no absolute guarantee that what we sow will always fall on good ground.*

*Nevertheless, if we are careful to sow good seeds, we can, within reason, trust our expectations because nature has shown that if what is planted bears fruit at all it will yield more of itself.*



### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way.



Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** 6.30 pm Patrick (Paddy) McCarthy (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SUNDAY:** 9.30 am Eileen Connolly (Anniversary)

11.00 am Rita Kenny (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

12.30 pm Loretto and Patrick McGrath (Anniversary)

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for – Stephanie O'Brien, Marina Simoned, Sr. Elizabeth Mary Graham, Mary Burke (*recently deceased*)

*And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*  
Tony Dooley, Hugh O'Connor, Paul and Éabha Collins, Kitty Ryan, Elizabeth Spinner, Edward Boyle

Patrick Gaffney and Stephen Nangle (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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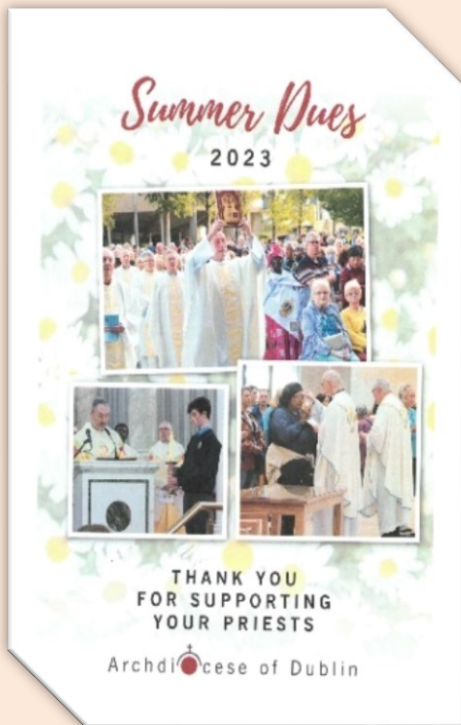
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### PRAYERS/INTENTIONS

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:

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Mass Intentions: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Mass for a special intention please phone the parish office (01 8208112) or email [office@laurelodgeparish.ie](mailto:office@laurelodgeparish.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](http://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](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday mornings 9.00am – 9.30am

Saturday evenings – 5.00pm – 5.45pm

Rite II (communal celebration) – after the 6.30 pm Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month