## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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#### 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)

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20th August 2023

We come together in the house of God to pray. This is where the family gather to pray. We ask God to make us one in mind and heart, so that our prayer may rise like the incense before him.

**First Reading**: (Is. 56.1.6-7)

This reading reflects a time during the period of restoration after the return from Babylon (538BC).

Second Reading: (Rom. 11:13-15; 29-32)

God never takes back his gifts. Those who return to him are sure of obtaining mercy.

**Gospel**: (Mt. 15:21-28)

This story of a pagan woman who had very strong faith in Christ, and how that faith was rewarded.

## **REFLECTION**

Lord, grant us a strong and courageous faith; a faith that burns brightly even in times of darkness; a faith that doesn't falter even when there are no miracles or happy endings;

a Good Friday faith that trusts in the dawn of Easter, a faith that is rooted in your love for us and that expresses itself in love for others.

#### **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.

#### **SUMMER DUES 2023**

Thank you for supporting your priests. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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.

<u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATON:</u> 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

<u>LauraLynn Spin Fundraising Collection</u> will take place after all the Masses this weekend – thank you for your support.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Eamonn O'Connor (10th Anniversary)

**SUNDAY:** 9.30 am Edward & Statia Treacy (Anniversary)

11.00 am Patsy Britton (4th Anniversary)

12.30 pm Maureen O'Dea (Anniversary)

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for: Patrick Brennan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Maria McCann (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Birdie Noonan, Elizabeth Spinner,
Pauline Darragh Winner,
Paul McDermott, Michael Quinlan