

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Saturday/Sunday – 26th / 27th AUGUST 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)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th August 2023

Jesus chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock. Though Peter had his strengths, he also had his weaknesses. We turn to the Lord knowing that He understands our weaknesses.

First Reading: (Is. 22:19-23): Here we read about one man being dismissed from high office and the keys of authority are passed to another.



Second Reading: (Rom. 11:33-36): This is a hymn of praise to the wisdom of God which is far too deep for us to understand.

Gospel: (Mt. 16:13-20): This contains Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus, and Jesus' promise to make him the rock on which he will build his church.

REFLECTION

PETER HAS BEEN CALLED A STUMBLING SAINT.

HE IS A GREAT CONSOLATION TO US BECAUSE ALL OF US ARE INCONSTANT IN OUR BELIEFS.

BUT WE MUST NOT JUDGE OURSELVES OR OTHERS BY MOMENTARY INCONSISTENCIES, BUT BY COMMITMENT GIVEN OVER A LONG TIME.

JESUS WAS WELL AWARE OF PETER'S FAULTS BUT HE SAW THAT, IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, HIS HEART WAS SOUND, WHICH MEANT HE HAD THE ABILITY TO LOVE AND IN THE LONG RUN, LOVE IS WHAT COUNTS.



LauraLynn Spin Fundraising Collection

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection.

An amount of €2,530.57 was collected.

Adoration takes place in the Church every Wednesday from 8 pm to 9 pm. All Welcome.

Also available on the parish webcam: www.laurelodgeparish.ie

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 with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.

SUMMER DUES 2023 - Thank you for supporting your priests. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm MONTHS MIND
STEPHANIE O'BRIEN and STEPHEN SPIZER

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Peter Balfe (Anniversary)
11.00 am Patrick Hickey (Recently Deceased)
12.30 pm David Langan (Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Eileen Ward, Kevin McGuinness, John Bruen, Brendan Hunt, Marie Pemberton, Michael Jago, Aggie Cullinane, Mary Jordan, Edward Murphy
(recently deceased)

Also: Trevor Webster, Clare Keenan Daffy (1st Anniversary)
David Keane, Ambrosia Tores, Geraldine Leahy
whose anniversaries occur at this time

