PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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TEEN CHOIR

Starting back on Saturday 5^{th} September at 5.00pm in the Day Chapel. New members – from 1^{st} year onwards – re always welcome. If you have any queries contact Marie King on 087 2415603.

SCOIL THOMAIS

We wish to welcome the return of staff and children to our parish school. May this coming school year be marked with friendship, faith and fun.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to the life in the Spirit and the door, which gives access to the other sacraments. Through the waters of Baptism we are reborn as children of God and become members of Christ.

When parents ask that their child be baptized, they are accepting the responsibility of bringing their child up in the ways of Christ. That is why they are asked on the day of the baptism: Is it your wish to have your child baptized.? Parents through their example hand on their Christian faith to the child.

Those who wish to have their child baptized, will from next October be invited to attend a pre-Baptismal meeting. Our baptismal team will be present to help the parents with the baptismal preparation.

Baptism is a community celebration and so 'private baptism' is not encouraged.

Baptisms are celebrated in this parish on the first and third Sunday of each month at 13.00.

A minimum of three weeks notice should be given.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - BLANCHARDSTOWN

Open evening will take place on Wednesday 3^{rd} September from 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Will resume on Sunday 6th September at 5.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - rite 2.

Will be celebrated after evening Mass on 5th September 2015.

MASS INTENTIONS - this weekend.

Saturday at 6.30pm: Sean & Mary Finlay - anniversaries.

Sunday at 10.00am - Eamonn O'Connor 2nd anniversary.

Sunday at 11.00am - Angela McEvitt RIP

Sunday at 12.15pm - David Langan 15th anniversary.

REFLECTION FOR TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY

Cleanness of heart.

Today pollution has become a big issue and rightly so.

People want clean water, clean air and clean food.

But we should be even more concerned

About the most dangerous pollution of all, namely evil.

Pride, anger hate, lust, greed, envy,

All of these are dangerous pollutants.

So what must we do?

We must purify the source; the heart is the source.

It is the well-spring from which,

All our thoughts, words, and deeds flow.

If the heart is clean, all that flows from it will be clean.

Blessed are the clean of heart, they shall see God.