

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Saturday/Sunday – 26th/27th March 2022

Mass times for the coming week

Monday to Friday at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 9.30 a.m. 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6 p.m.)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 27TH MARCH 2022

A clear theme runs through all three readings – God's mercy to sinners. God has taken the shame of Egypt away from his people. The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery is behind them.

First Reading: (Josh 5: 9-12)

The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the Promised Land.

Second Reading: (2Cor 5:17-21)

Christ brought about a reconciliation between God and humanity.

Gospel: (Lk. 15 1-3; 11-32)

The parable of the Prodigal Son shows that God delights in showing his mercy to repentant sinners.



REFLECTION

The Prodigal Son came home empty handed

He was a failure – worse – he was a sinner

When the father saw his lost son coming towards him,

His heart went out to him.

And the next minute they were in each other's arms.

It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

**A SPECIAL NEWSLETTER FOR CHILDREN IS AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH DURING LENT**

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection (which replaces the Share Collection) to be taken up at Masses this weekend 26th/27th March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

ALONE

Older people need your support! ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their **Telephone Support & Befriending** service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Months Mind Gerry Kavanagh, Agnes Day, Baby Patrick Valentine Dobbs, Thomas Crawley, Dympna Faughnan
Sunday:	9.30 am	Aileen Helka
	11.00 am	James Brosnan
	12.30 pm	Christina Byrne (10th Anniversary) Nicky Byrne (3rd Anniversary)

Remember in your prayers

Tom Horan (father of Brenda McCarrick), Cherie Flynn, Ashling Murphy, Willie O'Connor, Nicky Furlong, Evelyn McMahon (*Recently Deceased*)
Brother Pat Grogan, John Ted Armstrong, Dinny McArdle, John Carty,
Jimmy Keegan, Patsy and Paddy Bourke, Patrick Bergin,
Brendan McDonagh, Peter Crowe (*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*)

May they Rest in Peace