

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Saturday/Sunday – 7th/8th MAY 2022

Mass times for the coming week

Monday to Friday at 10.00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 p.m.
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(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6 p.m.)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 8th MAY 2022

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and the Good Shepherd says to us: "I know my sheep. They listen to my voice and they follow me".

First Reading: (Acts 13:14 43-52)

Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel firstly to the Jews, but they reject it. They then preach it to the Gentiles who accept it gladly.

Second Reading: (Rev. 7:9 14-17)

This contains a vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven.

Gospel: (In. 10:27-30)

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the sheep the Father has given him.

REFLECTION

The deepest wound of all is that which affects the heart;
The feeling that one has not been loved.
That one is not precious to anyone.
Many people today are wounded at heart.
Each of us can do something to heal their wounds.
Today is Good Shepherd Sunday; Vocations Sunday.
All vocations are vocations to love.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

You are warmly invited to come and take part in our Parish Synod Gathering here in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Laurel Lodge on **Monday 9th May** next starting at **7.30 pm**. The word "synodal" means journeying together and this event will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

To help with our planning, let us know if you're coming –
office@laurellodgeparish.ie

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The monthly outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses **this** weekend. We wish to thank the parishioners for their generous contribution to the Annual Advocate Collection for the Sunshine Fund last month which amounted to **€2,645.82**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations and best wishes to all the girls and boys from Scoil Thomáis who received their First Holy Communion on the 6th May. A big thank you to everyone who helped prepare the children so well.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	6.30 pm	ÁINE GALLAGHER (3RD ANNIVERSARY)
Sunday:	9.30 am	RORY SHARKEY (ANNIVERSARY)
	11.00 am	DICK AND KATHLEEN FREEMAN (ANNIVERSARY)
	12.30 pm	GERARD O'BRIEN (4TH ANNIVERSARY)

Remember in your prayers

Olivier (Ollie) Heimreich, Ciaran Keating, Patricia Bourke, Joseph O'Connor, Fr. Patrick Clarke, SSC - *(Recently Deceased)*
Joe Maher, Tommy and Sally Cantwell, Peter Warren, Eileen Bolster, Rosie and Paddy O'Leary and all the Nugent Family, Ted Smyth, Josephine Rainey, William and Julia Keogh and Kathleen Henry - *(Whose anniversaries occur at this time)*

May they Rest in Peace

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Vocations Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8th May 2022

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is dedicated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church sets aside this day each year to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38)

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14 AND 15

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15**. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Donations can be made online at -

<https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>.

Members of Viatores Christi will speak at Masses in the parish during the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses on 14th/15th May

What is Viatores Christi?

Viatores Christi, (VC) an association of Catholic lay missionary development workers, was founded in 1960.

Today it has become an international volunteering Agency and a faith-based sustainable development and humanitarian organisation. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and opportunities in the marginalised communities in which we work.

Why are they talking at The Masses?

- To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas
- To thank the people of the Dublin Archdiocese for their support for our work over the years
 - To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer their time, skills and talents
- To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer
 - There will be a collection in aid of the work.