PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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THIRTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20th November 2022



CHRIST the KING

We honour Christ the King by helping to spread his kingdom. As Jesus forgave the repentant thief so forgiveness is one of the values of his kingdom.

FIRST READING: (2Sam. 5:1-3)

We see how David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigures the universal kingship of Christ.

SECOND READING: (Col. 1:11-20)

Christ is not only head of the Church but Lord of all creation.

GOSPEL: (Lk. 23:35-43)

Christ reigned from the cross and brought salvation to the repentant thief.

REFLECTION

On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery;

Yet, his heart remained open, even to his enemies.

He absorbed all the violence, transformed it and returned it as love and forgiveness.

From the depths of his own pain, Jesus reached out to comfort the thief. By our love people will know that we are followers of Christ the King.

Prepare the Way with the Sacrament of God's forgiveness

To give everyone the chance to welcome God's mercy before the holy season of Christmas, there will be **Rite II Confessions** available after Sunday Masses over the coming weeks of Advent:

after 6.30 Saturday 26th November after 9.30am Sunday 4th December after 11am Mass 11th December and after 12.30pm Mass on 18th December.

Make Christmas special by welcoming forgiveness and the joy of a new beginning.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION - THANK YOU

The church collections last weekend for the SVP amounted to €2.656.43 with thanks to our very supportive parishioners.

The Novena of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has recommenced and is on every month.

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

SATURDAY:	6.30 pm	John Lane (16 th Anniversary)
SUNDAY:	9.30 am	Bertie and Josephine Devaney (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	John, Patrick and Mary McManus (Anniversary)
	12.30 pm	Madge Clabby (1st Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Richard Ahearne, Amila McHugh, Helen Clifford (*Recently Deceased*)

Also: Maureen and Jim O'Connor, Audrey Merrigan, Pat O'Malley, Ann Campion, Jim McGloughlin, Patrick Curley, Brendan Kelly, Fr. Seán Rainey, Ger Cosgrove, Sally Reilly, Zenaida Cerdeña *Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

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Stop the Persecution of Christians - Dublin 15.

In order to pursue our objective or raising awareness about the persecution of Christians, we will be organising a series of events during "Week of Witness" which is supported by Aid to the Church in Need. "Week of Witness" takes place from Sunday 20th November to Saturday 26th November 2022.

Some of the activates we will be involved include:

- Distributing literature and displaying posters
- Promoting prayer and vigils for persecuted Christians
- Supporting and assisting in the illumination of exteriors of churches in red on "Red Wednesday" the 23rd of November
- Promoting the coordinated ringing of church bells at 3pm on
 Friday the 25th of November.
- Providing speakers who have witnessed or have a deep knowledge and understanding of the nature and extent of Christian Persecution.

We will also be reaching out to other parishes, schools and communities in various parts of the city to raise awareness of this important issue.

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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.

Parish Alpha News and Dates: Alpha: a series of talks and discussions exploring life, our Christian faith, and the meaning of life in a friendly, inclusive environment. Alpha continues at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock - on Monday 7th November, then 14th, 21st and 28th November, and 5th and 12th December. All welcome to as many evenings as suits you, or even just one to try Alpha. Booking is not required. Please email alphacastleknock@gmail.com with any questions.

<u>Peter McVerry Trust's</u> Christmas Carol Concert will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday, 3rd December 2022. **For more information and tickets you can visit the webpage –** <u>www.pmvtrust.ie/christmas-carol-concert.</u>

A special Mass and Adoration for Vocations will be held on the **last Friday of each month** starting on Friday November 25th (exception is December when there will be none) in **St Patrick's Church, Corduff, Blanchardstown**. It will start at 7pm with adoration and confession will available during that time followed by mass at 7.30 pm. There will be a guest speaker at each mass. On the 25th the guest speaker will be Simon Kiernan who will give a powerful testimony. There will be a cup of tea afterwards. All are welcome.