

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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June 12th/13th 2021 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Life calls for a lot of patience and trust. You can’t plant an acorn today and expect to sit in its shade tomorrow. The same is true of spiritual matters. We must be patient and trust that God’s grace will take over.

First Reading: (Ezek. 17:22-24)

The prophet foretells the fall of Jerusalem. At the same time, he tells of the establishment of a universal kingdom.

Second Reading: (2Cor. 5:6-10)

Since it is Paul’s priority at all times to please the Lord, he has no fear of appearing before him.

Gospel: (Mk. 4:26-34)

Two parables about the steady growth of the kingdom of God, from insignificant beginnings, a growth brought about by God.

Reflection: The Seed that Groves by Itself

On many an idle day I have grieved over lost time.

But it is never lost, my Lord.

You have taken every moment of my life in your hands.

Hidden in the heart of things.

You are nourishing seeds into sprouts.

Buds into blossoms, and ripening flowers into fruitfulness.

I was tired and sleeping on my idle bed.

And imagining all work had ceased.

In the morning I woke up.

And found my garden full with wonders of flowers.

❖ **Adoration** takes place in the Church every Wednesday from 8p.m. to 9p.m. All welcome.

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

Thank you for your support in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul outdoor collection last weekend which amounted to **€1,773.53.**

Your donations are very much appreciated.

Vacancy for Parish Secretary

Our parish is looking for a new Parish Secretary on a part-time fixed term contract basis for 20 hours per week. See poster in office window or on the parish website www.laurellodgeparish.ie for full details.

Summer Dues

The Diocese is introducing a new ‘Summer Dues’ collection to help with the First Collection which supports the priests of the Parish and the sick and retired priests of the Diocese as parishes cannot hold any indoor collections at the present time. Envelopes will be available from next weekend together with a letter explaining in detail the need for this new Summer Dues collection.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers in these challenging times.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Confirmation Preparation Mass
Sunday:	9.30am	Jerry O’Connell Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Michael Hannon 3 rd Anniversary
	12.30pm	Kevin Smith Recently Deceased

❖ **Remember in your prayers the Souls of those recently deceased:**

Bridget Farrell (*mother of Maree, Park Lodge*), Noeleen Jordan, Bernadette Dowling, Margaret Smyth, Colm Dorrity *and* Tony Connolly.

Also, Josie Burke, Tom *and* Nora O’Driscoll, Brian Lenihan, Stephen Nangle, Joan Byrne, Colm *and* Margaret Lawlor.

whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they Rest in Peace.