

Thomas More (1478-1535) was an English lawyer, writer and politician. Born in London, he studied law at Oxford and entered the English Parliament in 1504. He married Jane Holt and they

had four children. Like his friend Erasmus of Rotterdam, he was renowned as a humanist scholar. He coined the word 'utopia', the name – it can mean either "good place" or "no place"! – given to an ideal imaginary island whose political system he described in a book of that title in 1516. When Henry VIII became king, he sought Thomas as his advisor and he became Chancellor of England in 1529. In 1530 he refused to sign a letter asking the Pope to annul Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon and resigned in 1532. He now had neither job nor income, but both he and Bishop John Fisher of Rochester refused to accept that King Henry was Supreme Head of the Church of England which led to their execution in 1535

John Fisher was a quiet, scholarly man. He was born in Yorkshire in 1469. His



father was a wool merchant and he sent his son to Cambridge. John Fisher graduated as a Bachelor in 1488. In 1491 he took his Mastership and became a Fellow

of Michael House. In 1501 he became a Doctor of Divinity and Vice Chancellor. In 1504 he was Chancellor of the University. This progress shows his scholarly interests. Even more significant was his choice of the famous humanist, Erasmus, to lecture at the University. He was a friend of More and of those who aimed at a reform of education especially for the clergy. Indicative also of his character and of his interest is that at the age of forty seven he took up the serious study of Greek and began to study Hebrew. In 1504 he was appointed Bishop of Rochester.

For his refusal to accept that King Henry was Supreme Head of the Church of England he too was executed in 1535

. Both were canonised in 1935. During the Jubilee Year 2000 Pope John Paul II declared St Thomas More patron of lawyers, statesmen and politicians.

Saints of the Week

Ss John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs

Mon 21 St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Thurs 24 THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tues 22 St Paulinus of Nola, bishop



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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' Mk 4:39-40

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MASS INTENTIONS

6pm Vigil Sat 19th June:-

Ray Whelan – Recently Deceased
Vincent & Ian Connolly – Anniversaries
Peter Munroe & Mary Towers - Anniversaries
Thomas Burns – Anniversary

10 am Mass Sun 20th June:-

Paddy & Gertie Orr – Anniversaries
11.30 am Mass Sun 20th June:-
Catherine & Sean Fitzpatrick – Anniversaries
Des & Gay Buggy - Anniversaries
Ryan Family – Anniversaries
Brendan Moloney – 1st Anniversary
Don Ryan – Anniversary

Special Intention for President Joe Biden

Other intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Anne Byrne Hugh Mc Enaney
John Scanlon Betty Rafferty
Anniversaries:-
Berkeley Anniversary remembering Eimear Walsh, Olivia Burke, Ashley Donohoe, Lorcan Miller, Eoghan Culligan & Niccolai Schuster.

Flood, Bartley & Orr Families.
Dolores & Pax Hackett
Gabriel Horan – 1st Anniversary
Fr. Gerry Doyle Ruth Walsh
Sheila O' Riordan Jim O' Brien
John Lenehan Carmel O' Brien

RECENTLY DECEASED

Timothy C Costello
May he rest in peace





June 20, 2021
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop

the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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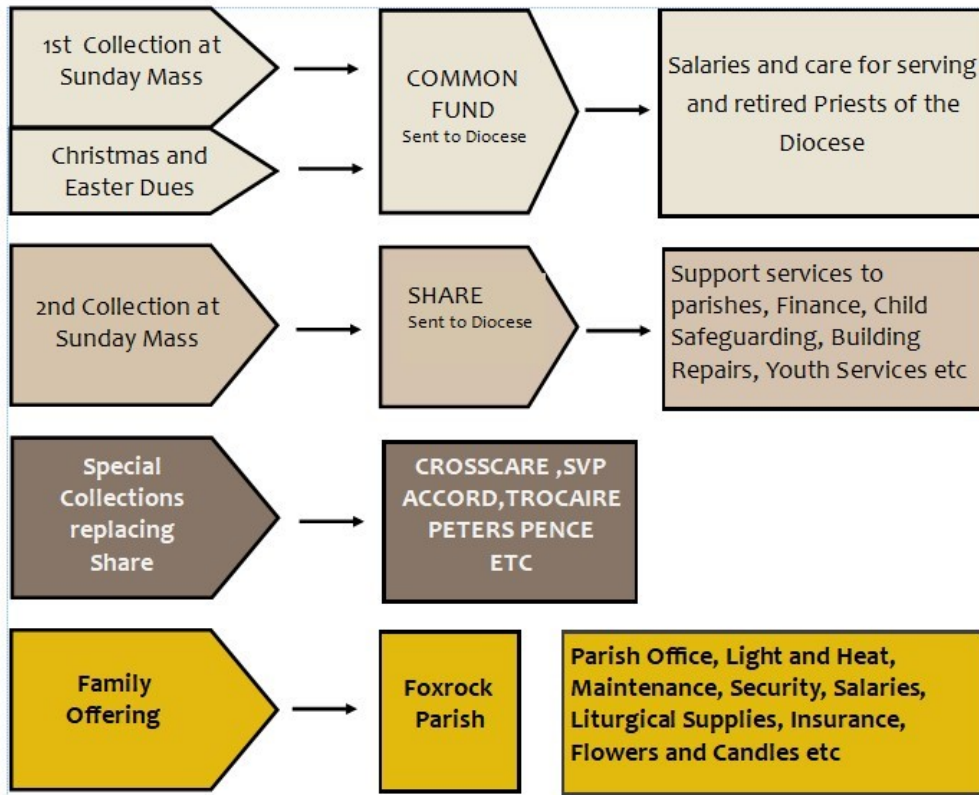


We rejoice at the coming of St John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means 'The Lord has shown favour' This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, but I must decrease,

This painting is by the Spanish artist Bartolome Esteban Murillo painted in about 1660. It depicts the baby John having his first bath in the care of four nursemaids. Zechariah is in the background while Elizabeth is resting in bed also attended by a nursemaid.

Around the time of its painting Seville had been enduring a very bad time. In 1649 over half the population had died from bubonic plague. In 1651 there followed a severe famine, the river Guadalquivir silted up and there were riots protesting about heavy taxes imposed to support foreign wars.

To an extent, therefore, this painting was a beacon of hope for the suffering population.



**LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP
DERMOT FARREL 3 JUNE 2021**

Dear Parishioner,

In the last fifteen months, we have been unable to do the things we normally do to express our faith and our solidarity with each other. This is not to say that the life of prayer and charity have ceased, but life's usual patterns have been disrupted, as have the deep practices that nourish our faith, empower our social solidarity, and animate the mission of the Church towards the poor and disadvantaged. Along with the countries of the developed world, our country has been fortunate

that people have been supported during the significant economic upheaval and hardship of the pandemic. Even in our grief and loss, we have much to be thankful for.

Communities and parishes have shown resilience and imagination in their responses to the challenges of the pandemic. For many this has revealed new ways of collaboration and involvement. We also have to acknowledge that certain aspects of Church life have been severely impacted. One of these is parish finances, and while we eagerly long for a return to the life that we knew, we also have to act to ensure

that our parishes have the financial minimum they need to survive.

The necessary restriction of public worship has profoundly affected the two essential Sunday Mass collections on which parish funds depend. The first collection—as you know—supports clergy ministering throughout the diocese as well as sick and retired priests and priests working in other ministries throughout the diocese. The second collection—the 'Share' collection—supports diocesan services to parishes especially disadvantaged parishes. In the last financial year, the clergy collection decreased by 54% and the 'Share' collection decreased by 65%. This year the situation is even more grave—with a decrease of 80% and 86% respectively for the first quarter (January to March 2021). That this would have happened, given the character of the necessary lockdowns, is not surprising. I am grateful to all who have continued to give so generously in the past 15 months.

This generosity cannot be expected to address the deeper financial challenges which the Archdiocese faces. I have therefore approved the proposal to hold a new Summer Dues collection to support priests of the diocese. This initiative will follow the pattern of the Christmas and Easter dues collections giving parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the income that supports priests.

The Summer Offering collection will be launched on the weekend of the 20th June. In making this appeal, I ask you to remember that the greatest resource of the Church is its people—both laity and clergy—working hand-in-hand. The age profile of the priest is rapidly increasing,

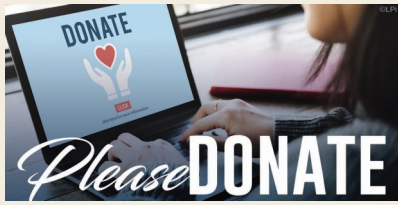
and there are few vocations to priesthood and religious life. Yet the priests we have in the diocese continue to serve quietly week-in-week-out while more is being asked of fewer and fewer. The ministry and mission of our Church cannot continue without this humble, generous service.

I thank you for continuing to support our parishes and the clergy who work among you. Your generosity to this new initiative of Summer Dues will provide much needed practical and moral support for priests working quietly and effectively at the heart of every local community of faith.

While great strides have been made in getting the virus under control, there is still a way to go before our country and other nations are out of the woods. We are facing the summer with its the brighter mornings and long evenings. May the change of pace that summer brings provide a break from the darkness of the difficult winter we have endured. May the Holy Spirit lift our hearts, and renew our hope so that in 'our common home' we may share the life for which God created us (see Gen 1:31, 2:18, and John 10:10).

Yours sincerely,

*Dermot Farrell,
Archbishop of Dublin*



HOW TO DONATE :

- Envelopes may be dropped in the letterbox safe at the bottom of the church or at the entrance to the Pastoral Centre .

- Also visit www.foxrockparish.ie for payment via website using the DONATE button. Using this method you can make payments to the new Summer Dues and/or one off or regular payments the Common Fund.
- You can continue to use the baskets available in the church for all donations.

ROLE OF THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Every parish is expected to have a Finance Committee to help the parish priest on any matter in relation to the finances of the parish.

The key advisory roles of the committee include

- The maintenance of proper books of account as well as effective internal financial controls
- The preparation of annual income and expenditure accounts as well as budgets for the forthcoming year.
- Control of capital and current expenditure budgets.

- Financial arrangements for new projects including securing agreements with the diocese.
- Responsibility for fund-raising to meet bank loans and other debt commitments.
- A clear role in communicating the financial needs of the parish to parishioners and reporting on the financial health of the parish

We thank Kieran Mc Gowan and Pat Molloy who have stepped down from the Committee after many years service and welcome Margaret Keane who has taken over as chair of the committee.



We would like to thank each and every doner for their support of Sr. Winifride and her Loreto Sisters in Peru. We have had a huge response to our first ever online collection. Our final count to be sent to Peru is €3,806. We also received an anonymous donation of an additional €5,000 for which we are enormously grateful.

COMO SIEMPRE, MUCHAS GRACIAS

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer.
(Job 3:1.8-11)

PSALM

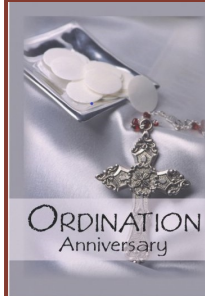
Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters.
(Ps 106:23-26.28-31)

SECOND READING

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead.
(2 Cor 5:14-17)

GOSPEL

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side'
(Mk 4:35-41)



CONGRAULATIONS TO FR KIERAN

We congratulate Fr. Kieran on the 35th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 14 June and we wish

him every blessing in life and in his ministry in the years to come.

Ad multos annos.

Canticle of Zechariah

'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel for he has visited his people, he has come to their rescue and he has raised up for us a power for salvation in the House of his servant David, even as he proclaimed, by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times, that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all who hate us.

Thus he shows mercy to our ancestors, thus he remembers his holy covenant the oath he swore to our father Abraham that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies,

to serve him in holiness and virtue in his presence, all our days.

And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way for him.

To give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins; this by the tender mercy of our God who from on high will bring the rising Sun to visit us, to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

Lk 1 : 68-79

APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL ALTAR SERVERS

.At present we have six servers –four men and two ladies.

As there are now nine Masses celebrated each week in our Church we require the services of at least two more Volunteers. Training will be given.

We particularly need a server for the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.00pm. This would suit someone who regularly attends that Mass.