

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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February 22nd/23rd 2020– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for Temperance

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Lent begins on Wednesday next 26th February. There will be an evening Mass at 6.30pm on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 10.00a.m. and 6.30p.m. Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence.

Adoration will follow the 6.30p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday until 9p.m. when there will be individual blessing.

❖ **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Since God is holy, we are to be holy. We are holy when we imitate the generosity of God, by not exacting vengeance, or bearing a grudge against another. “You must love your neighbour as yourself”.

First Reading: (Lev. 19:1-2;17-18)

We imitate the holiness of God when we refuse to exact vengeance or bear a grudge against another.

Second Reading: (1 Cor. 3:16-23)

Paul gives us a profound reason why we should respect one another: we are the Temple of God.

Gospel: (Matt 5:38-48)

What differentiates the disciples of Christ from others is their willingness to love as God loves.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturday from 5.15p.m. to 6.15p.m.

Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

❖ **Mass** at 4.30pm Monday to Friday with an extra Mass at 1pm in The Oratory, Blanchardstown Centre.

❖ **Evening Mass during Lent**

Weekday evening Mass at 7.30pm Monday to Friday during Lent in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock.

❖ **TRÓCAIRE**

Trócaire envelopes are available from the tables at the back of the church. Please take one and support Trócaire in their work this Lent. Thank you.

Thank you for your support at last weekend's **ACCORD** collection which amounted to **€2,370.00**. It is very much appreciated.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage departing 11th April for one week. €695 per person inclusive. Half board accommodation in private house. See poster in church courtyard for full details.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	John Leonard 20 th Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Joan Jordan, Matt and Anne Lawless, Annette and Cyril Francis - Anniversaries
	11.00am	Paddy and Gretta Reilly Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Anne Curley 8 th Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Monsignor Francis Seymour, Ernie Davidson, *and* Bridie Ruane R.I.P.

Also, Matt Ryan, Michael Heneghan, Mary Ann Drohan and John and Julia Byrne whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.