

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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July 11th/12th 2020 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus compared the word of God to a seed. If a seed is to bear fruit it has to be sown in favourable ground. The ground in which the seed of God's word is sown is the human heart.

❖ First Reading: (Isaiah 55:10-11)

God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. God cares for us by sending his word. Our reading emphasises the effectiveness of God's word.

❖ Second Reading: (Rom. 8:18-23)

Paul says that the glory that awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life.

❖ Gospel: (Matt. 13:1-23)

Despite all the obstacles the word of God will encounter, it will bear fruit. The word of God achieves the end for which it is sent.

Reflection

The word of God is to the human heart

What a seed is to the earth

And just as the seed needs favourable soil

So, the word of God needs a receptive heart.

Lord, soften our hearts with the rain of your grace

And warm them with the sun of your love

So that the precious seed of your word

May take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in our lives.

❖ 1st and 2nd Collections during Mass.

As we are currently not allowed to have collections during Mass, envelopes are available at the back of the church for the First and Second Collections. Please take one with you and return them either during the weekday Mass or at whatever Mass you attend next weekend.

We are currently looking into the possibility of putting a DONATE button on the parish website as has been done in other parishes.

We will let you know when this facility is in place.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service and is available from 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday for anyone who is finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time. You can talk to someone in confidence about your loss.

The number to call is 1800 80 70 77.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.30pm	John Cawley 28 th Anniversary
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Parishioner's Intentions
	11.00am	Patrick McCarthy 4 th Anniversary
	12.30pm	Mary and Frank Kearney Anniversaries

❖ Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:

Phyllis Reed, Diarmuid Conlon and Kathleen O'Neill

❖ Remember also:

Mick Ryan, Myra Fahy and Eileen Connolly
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.