

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**July 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### ❖ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather for this Eucharist, not because we are saints, but because we are sinners; sinners who know that we are sinners and are willing to atone to make our lives better. God is patient with us because He loves us.

### ❖ First Reading: (Wis. 12:13.16-19)

God has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people, if He so wished. This reading talks about leniency and how we should try and imitate it.

### ❖ Second Reading: (Rom. 8:26-27)

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we can't find the words to express what is in our minds.

### ❖ Gospel: (Matt. 13:24-43)

The Church is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at harvest time.

### Reflection

*On the day of the harvest the straw is set aside*

*The chaff is blown away by the wind*

*And the weeds are consigned to the flames*

*But the wheat, like sacks of gold, is gathered into the barn.*

*Lord, on the day of death*

*The harvest of my life will be poured out before you*

*Wheat and chaff and weeds together*

*Let your wise hand sift through it*

*Then keep what is worth keeping*

*And with the breath of your kindness, blow the rest away.*

### ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 it next weekend in the boxes provided at the end of the church. Thank you.

If you put your name and address on the envelope, we are now in a position to allocate that amount to your Contributor Number which can help when we claim tax back later in the year.

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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.30pm	John Byrne Month's Mind
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Kitty Ryan Anniversary
	11.00am	Joe Peelo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
	12.30pm	Nuala Molloy 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### ❖ Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:

*Kitty Murphy and Dermot Conlon.*

### ❖ Remember also:

*Dermot Lynch, Con Smith and Margaret Galvin  
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**