

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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July 25th/26th 2020 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10a.m.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15am to 9.45am and Saturdays from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

❖ **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The parables of the treasurer and the pearl have the same message. The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom of God to see it.

❖ **First Reading: (1 Kgs. 3:5. 7-12)**

Told by God that he could have any gift he wanted; Solomon chose the gift of wisdom.

❖ **Second Reading: (Rom. 8:28-30)**

Those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.

❖ **Gospel: (Matt. 13:44-52)**

What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have.

Reflection

*Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven
To a net cast into the sea which catches all kinds of fish
When it is full, the fisherman hauls it ashore
And sorts out the good fish from the worthless fish
The good he keeps, the worthless he throws away
In a sense all of us are fishers
Each day we cast our net into the sea of life
At the end of the day we have a catch
Sometimes small, sometimes large
May we take time to sift through that catch
And may you, Lord, give us the wisdom to know
What to keep and what to throw away.*

❖ **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 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	Ann Murphy Month's Mind
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Patrick and Nora Moran Anniversaries
	11.00am	Joe Smith Recently Deceased
	12.30pm	Jim and Don Gannon Anniversaries

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

Hugh O'Connor and John Achilla Wallace.

❖ **Remember also:**

**Pauline Winner, Paddy and Catherine Rothwell,
Linda Doody, Sean and Pat Rothwell (Birthday Remembrance)
Stephen Nangle (Birthday Remembrance),
Ann Hyland (Remembrance),
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

May they rest in peace.