

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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August 15th/16th 2020 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

❖ **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The theme of the first reading and gospel is that of inclusiveness. At the time Isaiah was writing there were lots of foreigners in Israel. The question arose as whether or not the benefits of salvation should be extended to them. Isaiah gives a clear answer: "My house shall be a house of prayer for all the peoples." In the days after the resurrection the Church extended its mission to the Gentiles.

❖ **First Reading: (Is. 56:6-7)**

God's house is open to all those who worship with sincerity.

❖ **Second Reading: (Roms, 11:13-15, 29-32)**

God never takes back his gifts. Those who return to him are sure of obtaining mercy.

❖ **Gospel: (Matt. 15: 21-28)**

The story of a pagan woman who had strong faith in Christ, and how that faith was rewarded.

Reflection

*Lord, grant us a strong and courageous faith
A faith that burns brightly in times of darkness
A faith that doesn't falter even when there are no miracles
Or happy endings.
A Good Friday faith that trusts in the dawn of Easter
A faith that is rooted in your love for us
And that expresses itself in love for others.*

❖ **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.

❖ **1st and 2nd 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.

A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore ***Walk and Pray*** in the Lough Derg tradition will take place on 22nd, 26th and 30 August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps.

Contact 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org for details.
Numbers are limited so advance booking is essential.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Martin Daly Anniversary
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Charlie McKenna Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Philomena Carter 1 st Anniversary
	12.30pm	Maureen O'Dea Anniversary

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

Josephine Fay, Tommy McGivern *and* Hugh O'Connor.

❖ **Remember also:**

Mick *and* Mary Flinter (*Remembrance*), John Flinter,
Joe Merrieman, Paul McDermott *and* Noel Mulhearn.

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.