

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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**September 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

❖ **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus says, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I shall be there with them.” Words we hear from today’s gospel. We are meeting in the Lord’s name; we are meeting at his command. Hence, we are confident that he is with us.

❖ **First Reading: (Ezek. 33: 7-9)**

The appointed leaders bear the responsibility to point out to the wrong doers the error of their ways and to try to get them to reform.

❖ **Second Reading: (Rom. 13: 8-10)**

If we truly loved our neighbour, we would not harm them in any way.

❖ **Gospel: (Matt. 18 15-20)**

This talks about the duty a Christian has to correct an erring brother or sister.

**Reflection**

*“O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts.”*

*To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself*

*A hard heart is a closed heart, so it can’t receive*

*A hard heart inevitably becomes a barren heart*

*A soft heart on the other hand, is a blessing*

*A soft heart can receive and can respond*

*Lord, grant that softened by the rain of your grace*

*And warmed by the sun of your love*

*Our hearts may be turned from a desert into a garden.*

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confession is 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.

❖ **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will resume their monthly outdoor collection after all Masses **this weekend**.  
Thank you for your continued support.

The Priory Institute are now taking registrations for autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. For more information and a list of courses go to: <http://priorvinstitute.com>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Frank and Tony Stephens Anniversaries
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Special Intention
	11.00am	Rose O’Reilly Anniversary
	12.30pm	Peter Dowling 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

❖ **Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:**  
Fr. Dave Lumsden, Martin Egan, Peter McManus,  
Reece Wilde, Joe Gillfillan *and* Nancy Sullivan,

❖ **Remember also:**  
Sam Davidson, Anne O’Mara *and* Jim Cooney  
*and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*  
**May they rest in peace.**