

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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**September 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

Often, we act in small and petty ways. Thankfully, there is nothing small or petty about God. His ways are high above our ways as the heavens are above the earth. Let us ask God for forgiveness for our smallness of heart, while opening ourselves up to the grace of God.

❖ **First Reading: (Is. 55:6-9)**

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are God’s ways above our ways.

❖ **Second Reading: (Phil. 1:20-24,27)**

Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death, and longing for complete union with Christ.

❖ **Gospel: (Matt. 20:1-16)**

This is the story about the generosity of God, which soars above human standards.

**Reflection - Forgiveness**

*My thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord  
How small our thoughts can be?  
And how poor our ways of seeing and judging  
We think miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways. Why?  
Because we have small minds and small hearts  
Lord open our minds and our hearts  
So that we can think more like you  
Let us not begrudge your goodness to others  
Knowing that we too are underserving of your favours  
And stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice. Amen*

❖ **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.

**Castleknock Lions Club** would like to thank everyone who very kindly contributed to their collection last weekend which raised €608.

The second collection today is for **CROSSCARE** the Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese for Community, Homeless & Youth Services. Special envelopes are available at the back of church.  
Thank you for your support.

Please support **St. Francis Hospice Coffee Morning** on Thursday next 24<sup>th</sup> September by texting COFFEE 50300 to donate €4 to support your local hospice. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Loretta and Patrick McGrath Anniversaries</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Alice Canavan 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Niall Annesley Anniversary</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Concepta Sheehan Anniversary</b>

❖ **Pray for the soul of Fr. Paddy Gilligan recently deceased:**

❖ **Remember also:**

**Kathleen Boyle, Timmy Cronin, Mary Bergin,  
Seamus, Margaret and James O’Connor  
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
May they rest in peace.**