

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 17th/18th 2015 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Confession (Rite I): Before Saturday evening Mass from 5.45p.m.

Rite II: First Saturday of the month after evening Mass.

❖ **Second Reading in Ordinary Time**

There is no place in Christianity for contempt of the body. Through Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection, the human body has become part of the life of God.

In the Bible we are told that we were made in the image and likeness of God. What God has made, He found it very good. Our body is the work of God. That is a good reason for respecting it and taking care of it. St. Paul gives us a deeper reason for respecting the body: “Your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit.”

In his book Anam Cara, John O’Donoghue elaborates on this point. “The body is a sacred threshold’ it deserves to be respected, minded and understood in its spiritual nature. This sense of body is wonderfully expressed in the amazing phrase from Catholic Tradition: the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. To describe the human body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit recognises that the body is suffused with wild and vital divinity.”

❖ The second Confirmation Preparation Mass for this year’s Confirmation Candidates is on Saturday next 24th January at the 6.30 vigil Mass. The theme of this Mass is ‘Fan the Flame.’ During this Mass the Confirmation Candidates will carry the flame from the Paschal Candle and with it light candles to represent their families, friends and teachers.

It acknowledges all those who have helped them, so far, on their journey of Faith by being there to fan the flame of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

➤ **Annual Clothing Appeal:** Plastic bags available this weekend which will be collected next weekend after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses only. Thank you for your support.

Enrolment for Junior Infants in Scoil Thomas for September 2015 will take place in the school this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.15a.m. to 10.30a.m.
See leaflet in church porches for full details.

Castleknock Celtic FC’S Children’s Soccer Academy (4-7 years of age) resumes on Saturday next 24th January in Porterstown Park at the clubhouse. Registration takes place at 10a.m. Bring original birth certificate, football boots and shin-pads. See www.castleknockceltic.com for full details. New members always welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30p.m.	Vincent and Anthony Gormally Anniversaries
SUNDAY:	10.00a.m.	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
	11.00a.m.	Tommy Healy Recently Deceased
	12.15pm.	Patrick McGrath Anniversary
	5.30pm	Agnes and Tom Dawdry Anniversaries

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Teresa Burke, Patrick Cotter, Frank Gilligan, Kristiina Penttila and Josie Joyce, all recently deceased.
Also, Jack Durand, Mary Dunne, Marie Murtagh, Elizabeth Quinlan, Loretta McGrath, Dessie Moffat and Winnie and Mick Kennedy whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.