

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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February 14th/15th 2015 – Sixth 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.

Lent begins on Wednesday next – There will be an evening Mass at 6.30p.m. on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 10.00a.m. and 6.30p.m. Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

❖ **Ignation Day: Christ in His Passion – an opportunity to prepare for Lent and Holy Week.**

Saturday next 21st February from 10a.m. to 4p.m. at Christian Br. Centre, O’Connell School, N.C.R., Fr. P. Carberry S.J. and Eileen O’Brien S.D. will lead the day to include talks, prayer, sharing and Mass. Tea/coffee provided. Please bring packed lunch. Donation €10. For more information or to book a place contact Myra at 087-9722844 or email: mb51fahy@gmail.com

MATT TALBOT: May 1856 - June 1925

On this Day of Prayer for Temperance, we might have a thought for one of our own, Matt Talbot. He was born into very poor circumstances in Dublin’s inner city. As a child the family moved some fifteen times because of the father’s drinking and he couldn’t pay the rent. In those post Famine years there was so much grinding poverty in Dublin. To alleviate their poor circumstances, alcohol was deemed to be a relief. People drank because they were poor and they remained poor because of their drinking. Alcohol abuse was a feature of Dublin life.

Matt naturally fell into this trap and was drinking heavily until he was twenty eight years of age. In 1884 he saw what alcohol abuse was doing to his life and so he took the pledge to abstain from alcohol with the help of God and His Blessed Mother. In the early stages he found this very difficult but with the help of prayer, fasting and charitable works, he remained sober until he died on Trinity Sunday 1925.

Matt’s example does not lie in the fact that he gave up alcohol but that he devised a spirituality to help him remain sober. Alcoholics Anonymous was founded some ten years after his death.

Let us pray to Matt Talbot to help all who are suffering from addiction of any kind. Venerable Matt Talbot, pray for us.

❖ Mass in the Oratory Blanchardstown Monday to Friday at 1p.m. during Lent.

❖ Trocaire boxes available at the back of the church. Please support Trocaire’s Lenten Campaign. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30p.m.	Maura Carroll Anniversary
SUNDAY:	10.00a.m.	Solvi Holgerson 3rd Anniversary
	11.00a.m.	Bill Ryan 3rd Anniversary
	12.15pm.	Kathleen and John Foley Anniversaries
	5.30p.m.	Sheila and Michael McMahon Anniversaries

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

James and Mai Curtin, Kathleen and Michael Glennon, Yvonne O’Callaghan, deceased members of the Hynes family and Brs. John and Willie Judge whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

❖ The annual collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will take place at all Masses **this weekend**. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share collection. Thank you for your support.