

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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**December 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> 2015 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

❖ **On this the last Sunday of year, give us, O God,  
Gratitude for all the days that are past;  
Courage to meet the present;  
Hope that the best of life is still to come;  
Through Christ O Lord. Amen.**

❖ **Mass for the coming week:  
Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.  
Friday next is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 10a.m. Mass  
until 11.30a.m.**

❖ **Thank You**  
On this the last Sunday of the year may we express our gratitude to all those who keep the person and message of Jesus Christ alive in the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle. There are many people who are involved in the life of this parish. All those involved in the liturgy, in the financial side of parish administration, in our school, in the caring ministries of our parish, and many other aspects of parish life, are a testimony to collaborative ministry.

The priests of the parish need your help and encouragement as they try and learn the skills of collaborative ministry. The latter is not about sharing power but about caring. So all of us in this parish should be asking the question: ‘How are we together going to care for God’s people?’ All of us need time to learn how to work together for the sake of Christ and his gospel.

Tending to the needs of God’s people is at the heart of salvation history. Responding to those needs is a priority, or should be, in every parish. The spiritual hunger is what matters. The Parish Pastoral Council, together with all others involved in the life of the parish, will need the continued support of all those who belong to this parish as they begin a New Year.

❖ **A Prayer for Parents by General MacArthur**  
Lord, grant us children, who will be strong enough to know when they are weak;  
who will be unbending in defeat, yet humble and gentle in victory.  
Grant us children, whose wishes will not take the place of their deeds;  
Children who will know you and themselves.  
Lead them we pray you, not in the path of ease and comfort,  
But rather in the path of difficulties and challenges.  
Grant us children, whose heart will be clear, and whose goal will be high;  
Children who will master themselves before seeking to master others,  
And after all these things, add, we pray a sense of humour, so that they can be serious,  
Yet never take themselves too seriously,  
Then we, their parents, will dare whisper, we have not lived in vain.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>John McHugh Recently Deceased</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Jack and Mona Mullett Anniversaries</b>
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>George Ledwith Recently Deceased</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Eileen and Paddy Kelly Anniversaries</b>

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Jude Gilbert, recently deceased.**  
Also, **Ann Lesley, Peter Dowling, Eamonn Carroll, Josephine Manning and Dominick Murtagh** and deceased members of the **McDonald** family whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.