

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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**July 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

No Sunday evening Mass during July and August.

❖ **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus used parables as an effective way of teaching. Today’s parable compares the Word of God to a seed; a seed which can make our lives fruitful, depending on the type of soil in which it is planted.

**First Reading: (Isaiah 55:10-11)**

God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fertile; He cares for us by sending his word.

**Second Reading: (Rom.8:18-23)**

The suffering that comes our way in this life, is really nothing in comparison to the glory God has in store for us.

**Gospel: (Matthew 13:1-23)**

Jesus compares the word of God to a seed falling into the ground.

❖ **Trócaire**

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire’s work in East Africa will take place in our Parish next weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation.

Needs are enormous – please support Trócaire’s appeal and help them reach more people with life-saving aid. Thank you.

Thanks to all who supported last weekend’s monthly outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to €2,295.00.

❖ **Parish Pilgrimage**

❖ Our annual parish pilgrimage to Knock will be on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please see poster in church courtyard for further details and booking arrangements. Early booking advised as places are limited for this very popular outing. All are welcome.

Welcome into our parish the children who were baptised during the month of June. They are: Jack, Emma, Annalise, Evie, Cormac, Muireann, Abigail, Freya, Rían, Zack, Lucy and Ollie.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Maureen Rush Month’s Mind</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>John and Abina McCarthy Anniversaries</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>John Foran Anniversary</b>
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Betty O’Sullivan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b>

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Olive Smyth and Pauline Murphy, both recently deceased.

Also, Claire O’Neill (Month’s Mind), Patrick and Nora Moran, Dermot Lynch, Con Smith and Joseph Murtagh whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.