

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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July 22nd/23rd 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

No Sunday evening Mass during July and August.

- ❖ Rite I of the Sacrament of Penance is available in the Confession Room every Friday morning from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturday evening from 5.45p.m. to 6.20p.m.
- ❖ Rite II: First Saturday of the Month after Evening Mass.

❖ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of Christ, in the gospel today, addresses the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners have no place there, and should be rooted out. The main point of today's parable is that the Kingdom of God is a mixed bag of good and evil.

First Reading: (Wis. 12:13.16-19)

This reading tells us about God's leniency towards the sinner; we ought to imitate, be more compassionate towards the sinner.

Second Reading: (Rom.8:26-27)

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we can't find words to express what is in our minds.

Gospel: (Matthew 13:24-43)

The Church is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side, until they are separated at harvest time.

❖ Trócaire

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place this weekend. It will replace the SHARE collection.

Thank you for your support.

Next Wednesday 26th July Lectio Divina will take place in the Day Chapel from 7.15p.m. to 8p.m., followed by Holy Hour – Adoration and blessing 8p.m. to 9p.m.

- ❖ Our annual parish pilgrimage to **Knock** will be on Saturday, 9th September. Please see poster in church courtyard for further details and booking arrangements.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

Summer can be a great time to relax, spend time with family and friends, or even get some alone time too! Do you have a plan for your spiritual life over the summer yet? Why not browse some excellent resources to see what might help your prayer life stay strong by visiting

www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Aware is a National Organisation supporting individuals, families and communities concerned about depression. They provide a range of support services such as support groups, telephone and email service and a Life Skills programme.

All of which are free. They are now recruiting volunteers.

See poster in church courtyard for full details.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Elizabeth Creedon Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Carmel Meade Month's Mind
	11.00am	Catherine and Paddy Rothwell Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Noelene O'Farrell 1 st Anniversary

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the family of Annie Harkin, recently deceased.

Also, John and Mary McManus, Kitty Ryan, Geraldine Leahy, Margaret Murphy, Tony Dooley, Sadie O'Connor and Padge and Mary Hunter whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.