

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLES

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY 30th July 2017

The parables of the treasure and the pearl have the same message: the kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom, which comes from God, to see this.

First reading: (1Kings 3:5-7;7-12)

Told by God that he could have any gift, Solomon chose the gift of wisdom.

Second Reading: (Rom.8:28-30)

Those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.

Gospel: (Matthew 13:44-52)

What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

TROCAIRE;

Last week's collection for the Trocaire's work in east Africa amounted to **€9,525**. The people of this parish have always reached out to people in need. Many thanks for your generosity.

Already Trocaire is currently reaching out to 150,000 people across the East Africa region with emergency food and water.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The programme for this special event will be launched on 21st August 2017 at the Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. This day of celebration will include workshops, fun activities for all families, and the celebration of the Eucharist. WWW.worldmeeting2018.ie

National Novena at Knock: 14th - 22nd August. Further information: mariahunt@knockshrine.ie.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 29th July at 6.30pm. Gordon & Sharon Byrne anniversary.

Sun. 30th July at 10.00am. Martina Griffin 1st anniversary.

Sun. 30th July. at 11.00am. Patrick Doyle anniversary.

Sun. 30th July at 12.15pm Tess & Ted Cummins anniversary.

Please pray for the souls of:

Michael McKeown, Chris Dennehy; Patricia O'Brien,

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 31/7/17

St. Ignatius of Loyola 1491 - 1556. Founded the Society of Jesus. He devoted his life to the service of God and God's greater glory.

Tuesday 1/8/17

St. Alphonsus Liguori 1696 - 1787. Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life.

Friday 4/8/17

St. John Vianney 1786 - 1859

Had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. After ordination in 1817, he was sent to the people of Ars, a small French village. He heard confessions for about sixteen hours a day. Patron saint of priests.
