

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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August 19th/20th 2017 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ Mass for the coming week:

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Mass attendance is declining especially at the 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass, therefore, the Sunday evening Mass will not be resumed next month.

- ❖ 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 6.20.p.m.
- ❖ Rite II: First Saturday of the Month after Evening Mass.

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The readings today have a strong emphasis on the universality of God's message. The benefit of salvation is extended to all. Isaiah said "My house shall be a house of prayer for all the peoples." Jesus came to break down barriers between Jew and Gentile.

First Reading: (Isaiah: 1.6-7)

God's house is opened to all those who worship with sincere hearts.

Second Reading: (Rom: 11: 13-15,29-32)

God is not small minded. God never takes back his gifts. Those who have failed and return to him will always receive a merciful welcome.

Gospel: (Matthew 15:21-28)

This is the story of a pagan woman who really believed in Christ, and how that faith was rewarded.

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

The annual **Ecumenical Remembrance Service and Blessing of the Graves** will be held outdoors at St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla on Sunday, 10th September at 3.00p.m. All welcome.

The Blanchardstown Area Partnership is offering a free Career and Course Guidance service for Students who have recently received their Leaving Certificate results, on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd August in Dillon House, 106 Coolmine Business Park.
Please refer to poster for contact details.

Community Services Survey for Older People

A survey is being conducted by Castleknock Community Centre Laurel Lodge to ascertain the level of demand for new community based facilities in the Centre. If you would like to participate Survey Forms are available at the back of the church. There is also a box for returned forms. Thank you for your participation.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	John and Peter Cleary Anniversaries
Sunday:	10.00am	Alice Canavan Anniversary
	11.00am	Patricia Murphy Anniversary
	12.15pm	Maureen O'Dea Anniversary

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the family of Eileen Best, recently deceased.

Also, Sean Hollingsworth (birthday remembrance), Kitty Brennan (birthday remembrance), deceased members of the Kenna and Confrey families, Doreen Mulvany and Rally McArdle whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.