

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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June 27th/28th 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We are gathered in God's house. God is the host; we are the guests. As we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we should feel at home. Since God accepts us, we should accept one another. Let us reflect on the fact that we are not always open to other people, as we should be.

❖ First Reading: (2Kgs. 4:8-11; 14-16)

This tells us about the beautiful act of hospitality, and how God rewarded it. This reading prepares us for what the gospel says about the importance of showing hospitality.

❖ Second Reading: (Rom. 6:3-4; 8-11)

Baptism is a communion with the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. To be baptised means to die to what is sinful in order to live the Christian life.

❖ Gospel: (Matt. 10:37-42)

This is the conclusion of the Mission Sermon given by Jesus to the apostles before He sent them out.

Reflection

Much of our lives is spent in keeping people out
We have private houses, private clubs, and so on.
Of course, there are times when we need to be alone
Yet there is a sense in which our size as human beings can be
Measured by the circles we draw to take other people in;
The smaller the circle; the smaller the person.
A strong person isn't afraid of people who are different
A wise person welcomes them
By shutting other people out we deny ourselves
The riches of other people's experience
We starve our minds, and harden our hearts
In the beginning God gave the earth its shape
He made it round. He included everybody
So should we.

Trócaire have asked us to convey their thanks to everyone who returned their boxes and also to those who contributed by other means.
A total of €1,504 was donated from this parish.

Re-Opening of our Church

It is with great joy that we plan to re-open our church for 10am Mass on Monday next the 29th June. However, initially, at least it will be a very different experience to what we have been used to in the past. We will be sanitising the church after each Mass, which will necessitate a change of Mass times at weekends.

The new Mass times are:

❖ **Saturday 6.30p.m., Sunday 9.30a.m., 11.00a.m. and 12.30p.m.**

At this time congregations are limited to 50 persons, although this may increase.

A letter has been sent to all parishioners with full details of the new arrangements. These can also be viewed on the home page of the parish website.

❖ PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Month's Mind – Con Dennehy and Tom O'Keeffe

and those who died recently: Michael Feely, Mary Haskins, Dermot O'Gara, Joe Thompson and Raymond Byrne,

Also, those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
John O'Connor, Patricia Conway, Noel O'Toole, Catherine Pyne, Eileen Connolly, Nora Mullen, and Joe Pat O'Hagan,

❖ **May they rest in peace.**