

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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August 1st/2nd 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10a.m.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15am to 9.45am and Saturdays from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

❖ **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The people followed Jesus to a lonely place in order to listen to his word and to seek healing from their illnesses. We too have left our homes in order to listen to the Lord's Word and to be healed by him.

❖ **First Reading: (1 Isaiah 55: 1-3)**

This contains an invitation, addressed to the exiles in Babylon, to come to a banquet. The banquet stands for a life of love and friendship God wishes to share with his people.

❖ **Second Reading: (Rom. 8:35.37-39)**

No matter what bad times we have to go through, we remain steadfast, because we are sure of the love of Christ.

❖ **Gospel: (Matt. 14:13-21)**

Jesus shows his compassion for the people by healing their sick, and giving them food to eat.

Reflection – Feeding the Hungry

*The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields
Every year between sowing and harvest time.
Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too
Is brought about by the power of God.
And just as Jesus needs the hands of the apostles
To distribute the bread to the people,
So God needs human hands to make
This abundance available to the hungry.*

*In some countries today the problem is over eating.
In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all.
Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us.
The food is here.
What is not always there is the will to share it.*

❖ **1st and 2nd Collections during Mass.**

As we are currently not allowed to have collections during Mass, envelopes are available at the back of the church for the First and Second Collections. Please take one with you and return it next weekend in the boxes provided at the end of the church. Thank you.

If you put your name and address on the envelope, we are now in a position to allocate that amount to your Contributor Number which can help when we claim tax back later in the year.

We are currently looking into the possibility of putting a DONATE button on the parish website as has been done in other parishes.

We will let you know when this facility is in place.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Brendan Salmon, Tony Gartlan Anniversaries
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Special Intention
	11.00am	Karl Andrews 2 nd Anniversary
	12.30pm	Josephine Fay RIP

❖ **Pray for the souls of:**

Thomas Connolly, Joan Randall, Sheila Morgan, Martina Griffin
Anniversaries

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.