

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**August 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10a.m.  
Saturday next is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Vigil Mass on Friday at 6.30pm and 9.30am on Saturday.

### ❖ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The incident described in today's gospel is clearly symbolic. The boat represents the Church, the disciples are beaten by the winds and waves of persecution. In the hour of need Jesus comes to them, calms their fears and brings them peace.

#### ❖ First Reading: (1 King 19:9; 11-13)

Fleeing for his life the prophet Elijah takes refuge in a cave where he encounters God.

#### ❖ Second Reading: (Roms, 9:1-5)

St. Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

#### ❖ Gospel: (Mt. 14:22-33)

When they are caught in high winds and rough seas, Jesus comes to the apostles; he calms their fears and brings them peace.

### Reflection

*Like Peter we too have often set out confidently  
Across the waters of life.  
However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us  
We lost our nerve and begin to sink.  
Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does,  
May we hear your gentle voice saying to us  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'  
In that moment, Lord, calm our fears and steady our nerves  
And enable us to steer our little boat  
To a place of safety and peace  
Beyond the winds and the waves.*

### ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

- ❖ **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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.30pm	John Foran 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Dermot Gannon Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Patrick McCarthy 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	12.30pm	Luke Bellew 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- ❖ **Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:**  
Oliver Leahy, Diarmuid Conlon, Lena McCormack, Patrick Kennedy and Vera O'Donoghue.

#### ❖ Remember also:

Peter Jordan (*Remembrance*), Billy McDonald, Brenda O'Donoghue, and James and Cecelia Kelly

*and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**