

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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August 22nd/23rd – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10a.m.

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Christ chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock. Though Peter had strengths, he also had weaknesses. When those weaknesses cause us to fall, Christ forgives us and helps us go forward again.

❖ **First Reading: (Is. 22: 19-23)**

Here we read about one man being dismissed from high office, and the keys of authority are passed to another. The New Testament applies this text to Jesus.

❖ **Second Reading: (Rom. 11: 33-36)**

This is a hymn of praise to the wisdom of God, which is far too deep for us to fathom.

❖ **Gospel: (Matt. 16: 13-20)**

This contains Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus, and Jesus's promise to make him the rock on which to build his Church.

Reflection

Peter had been called a stumbling saint

*He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all
All of us are mere mortals, who are inconsistent in our beliefs*

We must learn to forgive ourselves

We must not judge ourselves or others

By momentary inconsistencies

But rather by commitment given over a long time

Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults

But He saw in spite of everything, his heart was sound

Which meant he had ability to love

And in the long run love is what counts.

❖ **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.

❖ **1st and 2nd 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.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm by calling 0818 222 024.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Eamonn O'Connor Anniversary
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Peter Hughes Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Patsy Britton 1 st Anniversary
	12.30pm	Sean and Mary Finlay Anniversaries

❖ **Pray for the soul of** Kathleen O'Brien recently deceased:

❖ **Remember also:**

Sorcha O'Brien, Edward *and* Statia Treacy, Michael, Bridget, Teresa, Mary-Christina *and* Monica Ryan *and* J.P. and Leena Connor.

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.