

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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September 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>2020 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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In the gospel Jesus makes it very clear that if we want God to forgive us, we must forgive others. We all know how difficult it is to forgive. At the same time, we know how lovely it is to be forgiven.

❖ First Reading: (Eccles 27: 30-28.7)

In refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us, we exclude ourselves from receiving God’s forgiveness for our own sins.

❖ Second Reading: (Rom. 14:7-9)

The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others.

❖ Gospel: (Matt. 18:21-35)

We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

Reflection - Forgiveness

*When we forgive, we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness  
and we free the other person of the burden of guilt  
But our forgiveness must come from the heart  
Which means it must be true, sincere, and warm  
A cold forgiveness is not much use  
Forgiveness should start now  
Putting it off only deepens the wound  
Prolongs bitterness and postpones happiness  
Life is short, time is fleeting  
Today is the day to forgive.*

❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confession is 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.

❖ 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.

Thank you for your support at last weekend’s outdoor collection in aid of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** which amounted to €1,270.00 for which they are extremely grateful.

**Castleknock Lions Club** will hold an outdoor collection after all Masses this weekend in aid of local charities. Your support will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Conor Keogh 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Nonie Kenny Recently Deceased
	11.00am	Tom Malone 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	12.30pm	Louise Murphy 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

❖ Pray for the souls of those recently deceased:

Jude McMahan, Sheila Dolan, Sr. Martha Hickey,  
Phelim Murray and George Caffrey (*husband of Vera of Rockfield Close, Blanchardstown*).

❖ Remember also:

Brian Dunphy, Concepta (Ceppi) Sheehan, Patrick Quinlan,  
John O’Sullivan, Frank and Rose Whelan and deceased  
members of the Whelan family,  
*and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**