

**PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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*July 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday of the Year*

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Mass for the coming week:***

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

***Readings for this weekend.***

It is easy to see from reading the gospels that Jesus cared about people. He cares about us too. He makes us into one people, the People of God, the community of his disciples. ‘No greater love has Jesus than to lay down his life for his friends.’

***First Reading: (Jer 23:1-6)***

The leaders of Israel are indicted for their neglect of the people. Better leaders are promised.

***Second Reading: (Eph. 2:13-18)***

By his death Christ broke down the wall between Jew and Gentile, and united all people as children of the Father.

***Gospel: (Mark 6:30-34)***

We see the care of Christ for his apostles as well as his compassion for ordinary people.

***Reflection – Sheep without a Shepherd***

*Lord, look upon us and take pity on us,*

*For at times we too are like sheep.*

*Save us from a blind following of the herd.*

*Help us to listen to your voice,*

*To trust you and to follow you,*

*Even if it means leaving the crowd*

*And walking a lonely path.*

*Lead us from fear to trust, from error to truth*

*From hate to love, from war to peace,*

*For despair to hope, and from death to life. Amen.*

**Parish Notices**

**Crosscare**

Parishes are reminded that the Crosscare annual social care collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Crosscare will be in contact with all parishes before that date.

**Summer Dues**

Initial response in the diocese to the Summer Due Collection is very positive. A total figure is not available yet. In Laurel Lodge parish the amount collected for the Summer Dues Collection is €5691. We wish to thank all who have contributed so generously not only to this collection but also to the other church collections.

**World Day for Grandparents**

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The theme for this year: ‘I am with you always’ (Mt.28:20).

**❖ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Margaret Galvin – 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Kitty Ryan – anniversary
	<b>11.00am</b>	Catherine Ann Dowe RIP
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Michael Brady – 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary

**❖ Pray for the souls of:**

Fr. Con McGillicuddy (retired), Kathleen Nangle recently deceased

Jean Nelson, Eileen Connolly, Dermot Lynch, Michael Maguire, Peter Jordan, Con Smith

***May they Rest in Peace.***