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June 9th/10th 2018 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matt Talbot Day

St Thomas the Apostle Parish

The Parish was set up in 1982 when there were 300 to 400 houses in the Parish. The first church was a pre-fab building which had already seen 5 years' service in another Parish. It was blessed and opened by Bishop Dermot O'Mahoney on 22nd August 1982. This pre-fab was used until 1993.

In 1991 a Parish team led by Fr. Eugene Kennedy commenced a project to build a new church for the Parish.

In a two-week period in January/February 1992 a team of volunteers knocked on doors in the Parish and raised IR£200,000 in immediate donations and pledges. A further IR£50,000 was raised during the year. The project was further supported by Share.

The first sod was turned on Sunday 15th November 1992. In a break from tradition, the sod was turned by two families from the Parish and by a group of children from local schools. A large group of Parishioners formed themselves into a meitheal and under the professional eye of local horticulturalist, Colm Dockrell, carried out the landscaping of the Parish gardens.

The foundation stone was blessed by Archbishop Desmond Connell on 21st February 1993 and the church was dedicated on 6th June 1993. The first Parish Priest was Fr. Maurice O' Moore followed by Fr. Eugene Kennedy, then Fr. Mick Cullen and now Fr. Brendan Quinlan. A number of other priests, deacons, the Sisters of St. Clare and Pastoral Workers served in Parish over the years as well as many, many people serving in Parish Ministries. In addition, Fr Dan Joe of the Capuchins has been a considerate and constant presence with us for many years.

We want to thank all those who have contributed to the development and growth of the Parish since its beginnings in 1982.

❖ The 4th World Meeting of Families 2018 **National Collection** will take place **next weekend**. It will replace the Share collection. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Castleknock GAA is hosting a fun, sporting week of activities for children aged 7-10 years from Monday next 11th June to Thursday 14th June in Tír na nÓg. The event starts at 6p.m. each evening and finishes at 8.15p.m. Children should bring a drink and entry fee is €5. Everyone is welcome to join and no GAA experience is needed!

Thanks to all who supported last weekend's outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to **€1,920.00**. Your support is very much appreciated.

❖ INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Celebrating the Youth of our Parish
Sunday:	10.00am	Dedicated to the children and families of our Parish
	11.00am	Celebrating all those who volunteer in community groups and organisations in our Parish
	12.15pm	Dedicated to all those active in the development of the Church and in Parish Ministries over the years.

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray for the souls of Breda O'Riordan and Maura Monks, both recently deceased.
Also Rose Walsh, Hannah Fitzgerald, Jimmy Grimes, Mary Catherine Lynch, John Kinsella and Catherine Rothwell whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.