

St Thomas the Apostle

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Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend at our Parish Masses I made an appeal for donations to enable us to provide beautiful Liturgical items for our new church building. It is these items that will not only express the beauty of the Liturgy and Devotions which we will celebrate in our new church, but which will visually engage every person who enters the church, inviting them like St Thomas the Apostle to be moved to a profound act of faith, echoing his words, "My Lord and my God!".

The cost of some of the proposed items are known, and I thank those parishioners who have already promptly responded with generous donations. Some known costs were for the St Thomas Window, the Holy Spirit/Pentecost Window and the Stations of the Cross. Each Station will cost \$2 000, and some donations for the Stations have been received, as well as donations for both of the stained-glass windows.

The proposed Baptism Font for both children and adults is strikingly beautiful and would be a highly significant liturgical item for our church but would come at a cost estimated of about \$120 000 - \$130 000.

There are many other liturgical elements that, as yet, do not have a provisional cost: The altar, ambo and presiding chair; the main crucifix and ambry (to contain the Holy Oils); statue of Our Lady & Child Jesus, icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, crucifix for the chapel, pictures of saints in the gathering area of the church, the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy images, processional entry doors for the church, vestments, banners, candles, and so on. Some elements, such as the tabernacle and processional cross, have already been donated,

Many of these liturgical items will also be costly if they are to be beautiful, and it is certainly my desire to provide the very best that we can for our church building. **So, I am now appealing to our parishioners to pledge \$250 000 for these Liturgical items for our church by the end of July. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.** For further information or assistance please contact me or Christine at the parish office.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Denis O'Bryan EV PP