

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

08<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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## CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> March 2020

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sacrament of Reconciliation	05.30pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel on Monday	10.30/9pm
	Thursday Mass	10.00am

## 11.30am Sunday Masses in this parish will take place as follows

St. Columba's	15 <sup>th</sup> March
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St. Columba's	29 <sup>th</sup> March

In St. Columcille Pastoral Area Masses are celebrated in The Rower at 7.30pm each Saturday, and in Clodiagh at 9.30am and in Inistioge at 11.30am each Sunday Morning.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** John O'Rourke, Newtown; Paddy O'Reilly, Newtown; Patty Ryan, Friars Hill; Joan Furlong, Copenagh; Frances Clarke, Dublin. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions next weekend:** Roly Collier, Friars Hill & Alice Collier (6pm Mass); Toddy Cassin, Boher (6pm Mass); Ned Nevin, 24, Dangan Terrace (6pm Mass); Kathleen (Kit) Behan, May Behan & extended Behan Family Members (11am Mass)

**Do This In Memory Programme** next Sunday 10am Mass

**Lent:** Think Trocaire. The customary Trocaire boxes are available at the Churches. This is the Irish Church reaching out to people less fortunate than we are. A way of exercising some self-denial.

Think **Lectio Divina**. This is a way of receiving and responding to God's word as put before us in the Sunday Gospel. The Pastoral Area will provide a Lectio Divina session each Saturday at 2pm at the Library at St. Colmcille Church in Inistioge.

Check the Diocese of Ossory website for numerous 'offers' from **Adult Faith Development**. Avail of a **Lent Text message** – text your number to the Adult Faith Development group at 0858313100.

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter.

One of the big issues of our time is the care of our common home. We become conscious of it as we experience changes in weather patterns and in climate change. Pope Francis has written about it in Laudato Si. **Sister Geraldine Fitzpatrick**, John of God sister, will speak about it at Mass next Saturday.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** holds its Church Door Collection next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the Thomastown St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone who wishes to make contact with the Society.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens:** St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner at the Community Centre will be held on Tuesday 17th March. Give names at the Shop on Thursday or Fridays, 9:30-2pm.

**Lenten Dues:** The Dues are one of the 6 collections throughout the year that are for the financial support of the priest. Please return as soon as possible and thank you in anticipation.

**Lent Online Retreat:** Do a free three-day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving available throughout Lent. Register now [priory.institute.com](http://priory.institute.com) +353 1 404 8124

**South East Simon Community's Coffee Morning** is back this March and we need your help. Join us in the fight against homelessness by hosting a Coffee Morning at home, in your workplace or anywhere you wish. You'll be playing your part in supporting men and women who are homeless here in the South East. Don't like Coffee? No worries – organise Afternoon Tea! It will be just as tea-rific! We've got everything you need to help you organise your gathering. Just visit <https://www.southeastsimon.ie/coffeemorning/> or email [coffeemorning@southeastsimon.ie](mailto:coffeemorning@southeastsimon.ie) or call Harvey on **085 804 8083**.

**St. Mary's National School & 'Cash for Clobber's – Clothes Collection:** St. Mary's National School will hold a clothes collection including shoes (pairs only please and keep in a separate bag if possible). Bring your unwanted items to the school from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Slimming World:** Relaunch of local group at Thomastown Community Centre on the 10th March under new Consultant Catherine call 089 413 7300

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture:** Title: The Story of St. Patrick Retold on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Speaker: Roy Flechner at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (society members free)

**Thomastown Community Centre:** The Vat Pak Drama Group will perform the Jimmy Keary Play a comedy called "*The Fish Out Of Water*" on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Admission €10. Proceeds to students Grennan College travelling to Lourdes.

**Conference: Being Christian in this Unprecedented time - To What are we called as Women & Men?** will take place on **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020** in St. Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, from 10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided), pay on the door. Booking is essential. To book, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870

**Check It Fits:** Did you know 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted. Get your child's car seat checked for free. At Caulfield's Super Valu, Loughboy Shopping Centre, Loughboy, Co. Kilkenny on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Log on to [www.checkitfits.ie](http://www.checkitfits.ie) to see when Check it Fits is in your area.

**Affordable Live-in Homecare** If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791. Our website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

**Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2020:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Cork Airport to Mostar Airport. Transfer to Medjugorje 20 mins. Bus from Kilkenny to Cork Airport (return). Information: Ann Fitzpatrick 056 7765840 or 086 8825622.

**Towards Healing Counselling & Support Services** is available to survivors of Church, Religious and Institutional abuse. The Towards Healing director is Mr Michael Lyons and the service provides lay independent and fully accredited counsellors to support survivors. Towards Healing may be contacted by: Freephone (RoI) 1800 303 416, Mobile number for Hearing Impaired Clients +353 (0) 85-8022859. Website: [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

*Jesus was transfigured on the mountain. We too can have moments of transfiguration. Sometimes a blessedness comes down around us, a glory falls upon us from God, and life is sweet. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. Lord, give us confidence in your unchanging love for us. Help us to follow you with courage, and lead us to the glory that never fades.*