

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 16th February 2020

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	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 follow

St. Columba's 16th February

Mong 23rd February

St. Columba's 01st 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: Noreen O'Sullivan, Burrell's Park, and Adrigole, Co. Cork, died recently, **Eileen O'Neill**, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind Mass 6pm), **Sean Finan**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass), **Harry Beck and Anne McFadden (nee Beck)**, Dangan (10am Mass), **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe Street (10am Mass), **Michael Minogue**, Jerpoint West (10am Mass), **Doireann Murphy**, Brownsford, **Bill Savage**, Friars Hill (11.30 Mass). May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions next weekend: David Power, Cloughabrody, (Months Mind Mass 6pm), **Billy Woods**, 43 Cloughabrody Heights (6pm Mass), **Catherine O'Byrne**, Jerpoint West. (10am Mass). **Gerard Prentice**, Blessington & Tallaght, (Months Mind Mass 11.30am Mong).

Our **Do this in Memory Mass**, with the children preparing for First Penance and First Communion, is celebrated this weekend at our 10am Mass.

The Church door Collection for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which was held last weekend raised €275.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The L'Arche Community say thanks for €56.49 raised at their Church door collection in October.

Marguerite Solly Flood Talk: Talk by Angela Moylan O' Reilly on Marguerite Solly Flood (1884-1983), Her Life & Times. Thomastown Community Centre, Wednesday 19th February at 8pm. Talk hosted by Dúchas – Tullaheirn Heritage Society.

Gowran Pantomime Society's New Year's production of *The Little Mermaid*. Rehearsals are well underway. The curtain will go up nightly in Gowran Parish Hall at 8pm on Tues, 18th, Wed 19th, Fri 21st, and Sat 22nd Feb. Sunday's matinee starts at 3pm. Don't miss your chance to join us for an underwater adventure – to book your tickets please call Claire on 085 2160051 Adults: €12, Students and OAPs €10, Children under 16: €8

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: The Diocese will be offering training for people preparing to be commissioned during Lent. Please consider if you would be involved in this ministry in the Parish. Contact Fr. Dan.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: our St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner at the Community Centre will be held on Tuesday 17th March. Names are being taken in the Shop on Thursday or Fridays between 9:30-2pm.

Marrying in Thomastown: It is advisable for parishioners considering getting married in our Parish Church to make contact in good time to avoid disappointment if the date you choose is already booked.

Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Bookings for our Pilgrimage, May 17th to 22nd inclusive, can be now made directly with Liz Molphy, Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 2410800.

Email: info@joewalshstours.ie Anyone wishing to travel as an Assisted/Sick Pilgrim, should contact the Co-ordinator, Anna Corr at 086 0744675. All bookings should be made and paid for before Good Friday, April 10th, 2020. Fare €790 p.p.s.

Rome Pilgrimage: With Bishop Farrell the Ossory Adult Faith Development group is leading a pilgrimage to Rome (August 24th - 29th 2020). Anyone interested can contact afd@ossory.ie or 056 7753624. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €859 pps.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 444510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Al-Anon Support Group Are you affected by someone else's drinking? Do you worry about how much they drink? Al-Anon can offer understanding and support for families and friends of problem drinkers whether they are still drinking or not. Al-Anon Family Groups have weekly meetings where all are welcome, at the Irish Wheelchair Assoc., Claddagh Court, College Rd., Kilkenny --- Tuesdays @ 8.30pm. and St Patrick's Parish Centre Loughboy Kilkenny, Wednesdays @ 12.30pm. Or Telephone the confidential helpline 01-8732699 for further information. Website: www.alanon.ie

St Elisabeth Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus was founded in 1999 in the outskirts of Minsk. The sisters of the convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. The convent looks after 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies. There is a charity shelter founded on the farmstead of the Convent located 19 mi from Minsk for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able). A rehabilitation facility for females was established two years ago for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged women. To support and develop the above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, woodcarving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. Some of the people working in the workshops are those who lost all hope in realizing their potential due to various illnesses. Together with the sisters these people produce beautiful articles with love and prayer in the convent's workshops. Some Sisters will come Thomastown for the 10am Mass on Monday 24th February and will make their lovely work available to all afterwards. An ideal opportunity to get some good religious art, whether for your home or as a gift for someone else. Check their website.

Jesus' sense of justice, in the Gospel this weekend, surpasses the legalistic approach of the scribes and Pharisees. For the Pharisees the letter of the Law was everything. Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples.