

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Sunday morning Mass	12.00noon
	Monday, Wednesday Mass	09.30am
	Friday evening Mass	07.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm

On **Tuesday** we will have Mass at St. Columba's Hospital only for the patients at 11.30am.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Please remember in your prayers this weekend **William Butler**, Cloughsgregg, **Michael O'Keeffe**, Smithstown, **Margaret Doyle**, Newtown Terrace, **Anna Doyle**, Legan, and all whose anniversaries occur these days. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Parish Newsletter by email.....** We can now distribute the weekly Newsletter by email. Please drop an email request to [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) if you are interested.

**The Cemetery Mass** traditionally takes place at St. Mary's Cemetery on the Friday of the August Bank Holiday. With the threat of the Corona virus it will not be held this year. Fr. Dan will bless the graves on Friday. Let's remember all laid to rest there, and especially those whose mortal remains were laid to rest since our last Cemetery Mass. Call over next weekend and say a prayer there – and also take the time to tidy up the grave, if it needs it. The graves around yours – if there aren't family members to look after them, you might lend a hand. And please, take away weeds, old wreaths, etc.

**Confirmation 2020:** Several Parishes throughout the Diocese – and Country – hadn't had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation before the nation shut down in mid-March. With the next phase of easing restrictions coming August 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop Farrell has invited those Parishes, including Thomastown to plan the celebration of the Sacrament from mid-August onwards. Bishop Farrell will make himself available, and otherwise delegate the conferral of the Sacrament to the Parish Priest. Sixth Class 2019 – 2020 young people have been invited to express their interest in receiving the Sacrament. With restricted numbers, the current plan is to hold two ceremonies, based around the two Sixth Classes of last year, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. The young people have been contacted about this by the School and will be prepared for the reception of the Sacrament.

**Summer Camp 2020** Super Summer Activities Camp will run in St Marys National School starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. For further information on bookings, covid 19 policy, registration check on [www.fitnessbydesign.ie](http://www.fitnessbydesign.ie) or contact Declan Wall 086 1246650.

**Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival** will be held 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August. Register free at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

**Thomastown Parish Seniors Citizens Shop** re-opens 23<sup>rd</sup> July. New Covid 19 opening hours are 10am-2pm every Thursday and Friday. Donations accepted during these hours. Outside of these hours contact 086 8237526.

**Slimming World Thomastown** re-opens Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August under current guidelines on a pre-booked time slots. For further information contact Catherine 089 4137300.

**MABS:** The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services.

For more information contact MABS on: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie) or call MABS on 0761 072610.

**The Roadmap for reopening Society and Business:** As society holds its breath, and continues to exercise vigilance, we seek to make sure that all who gather in Church are safe from the corona virus. We are doing well, and please continue to observe the small things that help to keep us safe, such as social distancing – 2 metres, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, mask wearing. In Church our stewards seek to keep things right, so please accept their directions. Much as we would want to return to Mass, firstly remember that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, or have been in contact with someone who has had the virus, should stay at home and, if possible, participate, as now, via webcam, social media, television or radio.

### Safeguarding Concerns

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

#### Diocesan Designated Persons

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or  
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330

#### Garda National Protective Services

01 6663430/35

#### Civil Authorities

Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow  
Kilkenny area 052 617 7302

Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:

Brigid Cassin Begley and Ray O'Carroll.  
Contact them through the Parish Office.

#### Counselling Services

##### Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

[www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

##### Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service

01 505 3028

[www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

*In the first reading this weekend we read of Solomon requesting from God 'a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil'. God promises him a 'heart wise and shrewd'. Wisdom is not the same thing as knowledge. Knowledge is acquired through hard work; wisdom is a gift of God. Through the gift of wisdom God communicates to us the meaning of life, and the grandeur of our destiny, which is to be with God.*

*Wisdom is the pearl of great price. It means knowing what is truly important in life. It means to be able to see life from God's point of view and being able to live the way God wants us to live. If we don't have that, then no matter how many possessions we have, or how successful we are, we will not be happy.*