

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 04<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> October

<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
	Sacrament of Reconciliation after 6pm Saturday Mass.	

### Chapel Hill Mass Thursday 7pm

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Please remember in your prayers this weekend: **Tadhg Feeney**, Dublin and formerly Thomastown, **May O'Sullivan, Galway**, who died recently, and the deceased members of the O'Sullivan family; **Liam Burke**, Castle Avenue (6pm Mass); **Johnny Byrne**, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); **Maureen Forristal** (Months Mind 12 noon Mass); **Annie Holohan**, Ballylinch (12 noon Mass); **Barron Family**, Wexford (9.30am Mass Monday); **Paud Kavanagh**, Berkley Lawns; **Larry Stapleton**, Maudlin Street; **Noel O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road, **Brian Burke**, Ladywell, **Mick Manning**, Dublin. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions next weekend:** **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Josie Beck**, 28, Dangan Terrace (12 noon Mass); **Michael Dunne**, 25, Castle Avenue (12 noon Mass)

### Names First Holy Communion 2020

Allen Grace, Robbie Atkins English, Olivia Barron, Lilianna Borza, Jayden Butler, Ryan Carroll, Nathan Cash, Lily Caulfield, Megan Caulfield, Ruby Collins, Luke Conway, Áine Curran, Evie Dempsey, Erika Dirziute, Abbie Fennelly, Matthew Garry, Cilian Grace, Robbie Heafey, Rachel Hickey, Michael Hobson-Shaw, Colm Hynes, Dara Jordan, Libby Kavanagh, Filip Klejna, Julian Kolodziejczyk, Milosz Kuklinski, Daniellea Lanigan, David McGrath, Oisín McGrath Kenny, Aoibhe Meegan, Will Mernagh O'Gorman, Ben Murphy, Serena Murphy, Anthony Murray, Lilianna Namysl, Ellen Nugent, Eve O'Neill, Shane O'Neill, Kieran O'Shea, Kevin O'Sullivan Wemyss, Victor Pniewski, Paddy Raftice, Kayleigh Skehan, Zac Spence, Saoirse Stapleton, Lucy Stephenson, Tommy Walsh, Melissa Walsh, Sophie Wilson, Dara Wilson.

**Day for Life** The first Sunday of October is designated by our Bishops as the annual Day for Life. In 2019 there were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland, following the legislation permitted after the Abortion referendum in 2018. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together we must promote a culture of life. See [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie) or [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie) or [www.everylifecounts.ie](http://www.everylifecounts.ie)  
We keep in mind too that the big issue now has moved on to end of life legislation.

### Season of creation Key messages of Pope Francis.

We are called to protect creation - and we are missing the mark. "Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands".

This is the time to re-acquaint ourselves with praying immersed in nature, where our gratitude to the creator God arises spontaneously".

The Season of creation is a time to grow in sustainability.

This is the time to reflect on our lifestyles. Let's change and adopt simpler and more respectful lifestyle.

The Season of creation is a time to urge governments to enact better climate policies."

"We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental." As a result, "Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." In such an "economic ecology," the protection of the environment is then seen as "an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from it."

**Webcam** A webcam has been installed in the Parish Church. This means that Masses and other Services will be videoed and sent to the Parish Office for transmission through the Parish website. So, if you wish to join us for Mass, go to the [www.thomastownparish.ie](http://www.thomastownparish.ie) You will find the link there.

**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 Plan for living with Covid-19** At Level 2, most areas of economy and society, for example: schools, restaurants, pubs and gyms, are open. The priority is to keep schools and childcare facilities open and minimise disruption in the work force. In order to keep people safe, you will be asked to limit the number of people you meet. For Religious Services in places of worship (including funerals), up to 50 can be admitted, with social distancing, etc. Face coverings are requested. The limit of 6 is for indoor settings in homes and applies to funeral related events in private homes (e.g. wakes, etc). Up to 50 guests can gather for weddings and receptions. 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 corona virus infection, or have been in contact with someone who has had the virus, should stay at home and participate, as now, via webcam, social media, television or radio. Thanks to all who appreciate the challenge of these times and seek to address them appropriately, in schools, hospitals, offices, shops, and wherever we come together.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Family Rosary Crusade:** Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October.

**Hail Holy Queen Conference** on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, will be live & exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more.

**Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland** will take place on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our riverbanks, our homes, or wherever we can..... to pray the Rosary safely together, at 2.30pm. Please do remember to observe Covid 19 guidelines. See [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) to see locations near you or to register a location.