

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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## CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Parish Church	Service	Time
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	12.00 noon
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Mass 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	09.30am
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve Mass	05.00pm
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve Mass	07.30pm
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day Mass	10.00am
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass	12.00 noon
	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St Stephen's Day Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St Stephen's Day Mass	06.00pm
	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	12.00 noon
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Friday 01 <sup>st</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 02 <sup>nd</sup> January Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sunday 03 <sup>rd</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 03 <sup>rd</sup> January Mass	12.00 noon
	Monday 04 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday 05 <sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass Feast of the Epiphany	07.00pm
	Wednesday 06 <sup>th</sup> January Feast of the Epiphany Mass	10.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	07.00pm

**Deaths and anniversaries.** **May Delaney**, Pipe Street (6pm Mass); **Catherine Rafferty**, Chapel Lane & **Deceased Members of the Stapleton Family**, Maudlin Street (10am Mass); **Sean Ryan**, Bonnybrook (12 noon Mass); **Nora & Jackie Dunphy** (12 noon Mass); **Kathleen Holden**, Knockbrack; **Kristian Friel**, 55 Cloughabrody Heights; **Maggie Morrissey**, Clossgregg; **Thomas Morrissey**, Coolroemore; **Joe & Patrick Doyle**, Kilfane; **Sean & Michael Doyle**, Columcille/Noreview; **Seamus, Jimmy & Betty Byrne**, Dangan Terrace; **John Challoner**, Bray & Newtown Terrace.; **Mary Kelly**, Newtown Terrace; **Lennie and May Fennelly**, Noreview Crescent; **Fr. John Fennelly and Lucy Fennelly**, Knock and Boher; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Congratulations to All Ireland winners, Kilkenny Camogie team. A great win, great girls!!

**Anniversaries Next weekend:** **Margaret Galway**, Knockard (6pm Mass); **Fr. Paul Fitzgerald**, (10am Mass); **Jacqui Doyle**, Carrickmourne (12noon Mass); **Matthew Kearney & Michael Kearney**, Ballydonnell (12 noon Mass); **John Butler**, Pleberstown.

**\*Think Christmas Masses** over four days.

**\*Think space.** We can only have 50 in Church. If you're not in that 50, stand outside, socially distanced. Or, sit in your car, in the upper car park or the lower one, and join us on radio, or on your phone through webcam. Communion will be available at the usual times, with Ministers available outside Church. This would be a great way for families to join us for one of our 5pm Christmas Eve Mass.

**\*Think alphabet.** Looking at the surnames on the Parish computer and trying to spread the availability of spaces in Church for Masses over the four days, we'd ask people with surnames beginning **A** and **B** to come to 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We'd ask people with surnames **C** and **D** to come to 7.30pm Mass.

**E, F and G** come to 10am Mass on Christmas Day.

**H, I, J, K and L** come to Midday Mass on Christmas Day.

**M and N** come on Saturday morning.

**O, P and Q** come to Saturday evening Mass.

**R, S and T** come to 10am Mass on Sunday.

**V, W, Y and Z** come to midday Mass on Sunday.

Allow for the fact that there may be more than 50 with the same letter as yours in Church before you, and you may have to stay outside. Our Stewards will ask you to co-operate re. numbers and distancing. And wear masks, please. We think of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Come another time too, when numbers are smaller.

**\*Think safety.** If you have health issues, join us on radio or webcam. If you have Covid-19 or have been in touch recently with someone who has the virus, join us on radio or webcam. Basically, if your health may be endangered, or you may endanger the health of someone else, stay at home, please, for everyone's sake.

**\*Think generosity.** You may greatly desire to join in Christmas Masses, and if you are there regularly, this may be a time to be generous and afford someone else the opportunity to do so.

**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. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024 and will remain open over the Christmas period.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** The telephone number of the Thomastown St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone who wishes to contact the Society.

**A Donate Button is now** in operation on Parish website on the Home Page. We appreciate, and need, your financial support and this is a good way to do it.

**Joe Dunphy's** new book should be in the local shops by now in Reddy's; O'Neill's Daybreak; Dunphy's Centra and the Credit Union. Costing €10, all profits will be donated to Charity.

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will reopen on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Next Newsletter on 2nd/3<sup>rd</sup> January.

*Happy Christmas!! Nollaig shona dhaoibh!! Christmas Ashamsakal! Joyeux Noël!  
Frohe Weihnachten! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Feliz Natal!  
Wrolijk kerstfeest! Wesołych świąt Bożego Narodzenia!*