

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Parish Church	Service	Time
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	09.30am
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	07.00pm
	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass	06.00pm

**Deaths and anniversaries this weekend:** Eileen O'Neill, Dangan Terrace (6pm Mass); Frances and Patrick Lannon, Station Road (6pm Mass); Noel Dempsey, Bawnskeha (10am Mass); Sandra Brett, Cloghabrody; May and Eddie Fenlon; Michael Walsh, Friars Hill.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Noreen Walsh and the deceased members of the Walsh Family (6pm Mass); Mary Dunne, Cherrymount (10am Mass); Walter Walsh, Grennan House (10am Mass).

**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 is 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.

**The Parish Office** is staffed currently on Tuesdays, 10am to 1pm. Probably the surest way to make contact is by email – [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) - or by phone call – 056-7793191. Fr. Dan will check the messages daily. In case of emergency, please call Fr. Dan on 087-6644858. If he is unable to take the call, please leave your name and number and he will get back to you.

*To love and to be loved is to feel the sun from both sides. (David Viscott)*

*Life is like a grindstone. Whether it grinds me down or polishes me up depends on how I choose to respond to its opportunities.*

## Priory Institute Online Open Day 23 January, 11.30 –13.30

Location: The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, D24

Take the opportunity to visit and learn about what it would be like to study with us during our online Open Day this January. Come and meet with teaching staff and students, see how our online learning platform works and sit in on a lecture on theology. We will be available to answer all of your questions about student life here and to talk theology over a zoom call. This will be an enjoyable day for anyone interested in theology - whatever you decide to do. We would be delighted if you could spread the word to your friends and anyone else you think may be interested. Register your interest now by please call or email us with any questions. 23rd January 2020 11:30am-1:30pm.

For information or registration, contact 01-4048124; [Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

## Regulations while living with level 5 restrictions during Covid-19

No visitors are permitted in private homes or gardens except for essential family reasons such as providing care to children, elderly or vulnerable people, or [as part of a support bubble](#).

Up to 6 guests are permitted at weddings.

Masses and other Church services will be held online.

Our Parish Church remains open for private prayer.

Up to 10 mourners can attend funeral Masses.

## 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.

## Finding one's work

*I think it is a great blessing when people find their work.*

*I often feel that I am as rich as Croesus, not in money,*

*but rich because I have found my work.*

*In that work I have something*

*to which I can devote myself heart and soul,*

*and which gives meaning and inspiration to my life.*

*Even though I have lots of difficulties,*

*and there are many gloomy days in my life,*

*I count myself among the fortunate.*

*This is not the road on which one perishes.*

*This is a powerful stream that will bear me safely to port. (Vincent Van Gogh)*

## 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)