

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th March 2021

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14th March 2021

Parish Church	Service	Time
	Sunday 14 th March Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 14 th March Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	04/06pm
	Monday 15 th March Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday 16th March Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Wednesday 17th March St. Patrick's Day Mass	10.00am
	Thursday 18 th March Stations of the Cross	05.30pm
	Friday 19 th March Mass	07.00pm
	Saturday 20 th March Vigil Mass	06.00pm

Deaths and anniversaries: **Maureen McMahon**, Castleblaney (sister of Ben Walsh); **Toddy Cassin**, Boher (6pm); **Josie Dack**, Cloghabrody (6pm); **Ned Nevin**, Dangan Terrace (6pm); **Cait Doyle**, Smithstown (10am); **Kathleen (Kit) Behan** and **May Behan** and the deceased members of the Behan Family (10am) **Teresa Maher**, Ladywell and **Kathleen Phelan** (10am Mass); **Jim Challoner**, Dangan Terrace; **Patrick and Mary Kavanagh**, their son **Patrick Kavanagh**; **Lena Kavanagh**; **James and Joan O'Neill**, Grennan; **Thomas Townsend**, Jerpoint; **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridge Brook Arms; **TJ McCarron**, Low Street and Redmills, Co Cavan; **Fr. Peter Orr**, Edinburgh; **Nora Morrissey**, Coolroemore; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses Next weekend: **Jim Power**, Smithstown (6pm); **Gobnait Murphy**, Kilkenny (10am); **Mary (Moll) O'Brien**, Mong (Month's mind Mass in Skeoghvosteen, Sunday at 2pm).

Accord: Many individuals, couples and families experience ongoing levels of tension and stress. Call the couples and relationships support line on 01 531 3331, staffed by counsellors Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 8.00pm, Counselling is also available to anyone wanting to talk through a relationship difficulty. Visit the accord.ie website to check for a convenient location and arrange a face to face appointment".

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Now, we support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. People can discuss their preferred option with their bereavement support volunteer. Please phone 056-7756538 or email: director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns 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. Call 0818 222 024.

Mother's Day: A big THANK YOU to all mothers on this Mother's Day.

'To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world.'

'A mother is a person who sees that there are only four pieces of pie for five people, and promptly declares she never cared for pie'.

The Sacrament of Forgiveness will be available Sunday 4-5, during the Adoration, at the Mercy Chapel.

Often people have a **Prayer Request** – something weighing on you and seeking a prayer. Call **087 4310053**, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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.

Please allow this **Lent** to be a time of formation. Check the Diocesan website. www.ossory.ie The website of the Catholic Bishops is www.catholicbishops.ie A wonderful website is Sacred Space, created by the Irish Jesuits. It is a school for prayer and very informative regarding the Scriptures read each day in Church – www.sacredspace.ie

Knock Shrine is offering online discussions on the topic of **'Living Christian Faith'**. This will be streamed online each Thursday of Lent at 8.30pm. See www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live Next Thursday Sr Ursula Lawler, lecturer in Christian Ethics at Mary Immaculate College, returned missionary, and editor of the *Africa Magazine* Fr Sean Deegan SPS; Ballyhaunis Parish Priest Stephen Farragher and Father Eamonn Conway will discuss living priesthood and religious life today in conversation with young *Irish Catholic* journalist Jason Osbourne.

Ossory Adult Faith Development Group will hold a webinar on Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm. Mgr. Liam Bergin, a priest of the Diocese, will lead an evening for parents of all children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. More details next weekend.

Gardai have forwarded a message **about** increasing numbers of complaints in relation to **fraudulent and illegal scams – illegal or scheme that involves theft or fraud -** in the form of texts, emails, telephone calls, etc. to avoid becoming a victim,

*Be suspicious of text messages claiming to come from a bank or credit/debit card user.

*Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently.

*Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, without independently verifying that they are from a genuine source.

* Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, or a password.

* Be wary about calling a phone number, or clicking on any link that is embedded within a text message.

We'll pray the Lord's Prayer in Irish for St Patrick's Day – The children will help you!!

Ár nAthair ata ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm, go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an dtalamh mar a dhéanfar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethiúl tabhair dúinn inniú, agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha mar a mhaithmidne dár bhféachachúna fein agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ó olc. Amen.

God loved the world so much..... He took the first step, with an approach of love, not of power, and for our sake, rather than his. Condemnation does not follow from God's action but from people's response. God condemns on one. People condemn themselves by adopting a negative attitude. God sent us a light. If people get lost it is because they haven't accepted the light. The fault is not God's but ours. After visiting an art gallery, someone commented that he didn't think much of the art. The guide replied that the pictures were no longer on trial, but those who looked at them were.