

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Parish Church	Service	Time
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03/06pm
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March Evening Prayer	05.30pm
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Mass	09.30am
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Stations of the Cross	05.30pm
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Mass	07.00pm
	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Vigil Mass	06.00pm

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Patrick (Paddy) Doyle**, Noreview Crescent; **Tomas O'Shea**, Sebastopol, California and formerly Anascaul, Co. Kerry died recently; **Jim Power**, Smithstown (6pm); **Gobnait Murphy**, Kilkenny (10am); **Mary (Moll) O'Brien**, Mong (Month's mind Mass in Skeoghvosteen, Sunday at 2pm); **John Dalton**, Cloghabrody; (Month's Mind); **Rita Caulfield**, Moonteen (Month's Mind Mass Friday 7pm); **Charles Geoghegan**, Chapel Hill; **John and Bridie Barron**; **Patrick Lannon**, Station Road; **Bridie Roche**, Grennan; **Daniel Challoner**, Newtown Terrace; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses Next weekend:** **Albie Townsend**, Jerpoint (Month's Mind Mass Sunday 10am); **Mary Doyle**, Carrickmourne (10am Mass, Sunday).

**Accord:** 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](http://accord.ie) website to check for a convenient location and arrange a face to face appointment".

**Kilkenny Bereavement Support** 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](mailto:director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com).

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance, seven days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

**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](http://www.ossory.ie) The website of the Catholic Bishops is [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://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](http://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](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) Next Thursday Dr Máire McDonald, an assistant principal of a primary school in North Dublin, Judith King an internationally recognised psychotherapist and Margaret Naughton a busy hospital chaplain share with us how their theological studies enriches their faith and their work. **Ossory Adult Faith Development Group** will hold a webinar on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Email [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) for the link for this gathering.

**The Chrism Mass** is a diocesan occasion when Bishop Nulty, our Diocesan Administrator while we await the appointment of a Bishop, will bless the oils which will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and the anointing of our new Bishop. The ceremony will take place at the Cathedral in Kilkenny on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. join on [www.stmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie)

## Schedule of RTE broadcasts for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

**Palm Sunday** - 28<sup>th</sup> March RTÉ News Channel, 2.15pm, **Mass**

<https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>

**Monday** – 29<sup>th</sup> March RTÉ News Channel, 1030am, **Mass**, <https://www.churchservices.tv/ardfinnan>

**Tuesday** – 30<sup>th</sup> March RTÉ News Channel, 1030am - **Mass**,

<https://www.churchservices.tv/maryimmacdublin>

**Wednesday** – 31<sup>st</sup> March RTÉ News Channel, 1030am - **Mass**,

<https://www.churchservices.tv/riverchapel>

**Holy Thursday** - 1st April RTÉ One, 16.40 (repeated Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1900) - **Mass of the**

**Lord's Supper** celebrated by Fr Martin Smith (Chaplain, Carlow IT) with members of RTÉ Cor Linn

**Good Friday** - 2nd April RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1500-1600 - **Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday** from Knock Basilica.

There is also a liturgy in Irish at the same time on Raidio na Gaeltachta: Dé hAoine 02 Aibreán 2021, 15.00 - 16.00 **Searmanas na Páise:** Searmanas Aoine an Chéasta beo ó Shéipéal Ghobnatan i gCúil Aodha, Co, Chorcaigh.

**Holy Saturday** - 3rd April RTÉ One, 1200 noon. **Countdown to Calvary** (Rpt). Downton Abbey star and Cambridge University theology graduate, Hugh Bonneville, tells the story of the last days of Jesus' life.

RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 2300-0015 - **Easter Vigil Mass** from Knock Basilica, which is to be recognised by Pope Francis on 19 March as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine **Easter Sunday** - 4th April RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1000-1100 - **Easter Sunday Mass** from « La Carità » COVID hospital in Locarno, Switzerland.

12.25-12.55 (approx) **Pope Francis' Easter Urbi et Orbi Message and Blessing** will follow live coverage of the 1916 commemoration by President Michael D. Higgins.

Pope Francis on the family: *The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place.* (Amoris Laetitia 315)