

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 04 <sup>th</sup> April Mass	10.00am
	Easter Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	3/6pm
	Monday 05 <sup>th</sup> April Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 07 <sup>th</sup> April Mass	10.00am
	Friday 09 <sup>th</sup> April Mass	07.00pm
	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April Vigil Mass	06.00pm

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Mary Walsh**, Powerswood (10am Mass); **Hannah Lillie Roche**, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass); **Mary and Pat Hanrahan**, Powerswood; **Bridie O'Keeffe**, Smithstown; **Cha Whelan**. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses Next weekend:** **Jim Lannon**, Dangan Terrace (6pm Mass), **Catherine Heffernan**, Achill (10am Mass).

**Trocaire:** Don't forget to return your contributions to Trocaire asap, please. We are happy to forward your contributions to the Diocesan Office. You may decide to forward them directly to Trocaire. We read so much about people around the world living in difficult circumstances – disasters in nature, and disasters caused by people's inability to live in harmony. A little help from you and I can go a long way.

**Easter Offerings:** These offerings, taken up in the parishes of the Diocese, are to provide an income for the priests of the Diocese. You may like to make your return via the **DONATE** button on the website, specially if you haven't got an envelope from the Office.

**The Donate Button** on the Parish website on the Home Page, can also be used to make other financial contributions to the Parish. Check it out.

**Easter Water** is blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass as the Easter Candle is lowered into the water three times, representing the death and rebirth of the Christ. You may like to bless your home and family with it.

**A Prayer of Blessing from the Ritual:** Let us now pray that the Lord will enter our home and bless it with his presence. May the lord always be here among us, deepen our love for each other, share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. May our home be a place of love, filled with the goodness of the Lord. Amen.

**The Ossory Times:** Some copies of this Diocesan publication have been forwarded to us, and are available at the Church. Please take a copy – to read it and be informed!!

*How does faith in the resurrection make my story a good news story?  
Where does the light of Jesus help me to see light?*

These can be **challenging times** for many people. We are happy to remind you of some services which may be of help.

**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.

**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.

**MABS:** The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services.

For more information contact MABS on: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie) or call MABS on 0761 072610.

A description of an Easter ceremony in Russia under communism when it was dangerous to be a believer:

“Some one at the back of the church lit a candle,  
a single point of light not able to pierce the darkness.  
Then there was another, and another.  
Swiftly the flame was passed from one to another.  
In less than a minute the church was a blaze of light.  
Each candle lit up the face behind it,  
a face marked with suffering.  
But now that suffering turned into joy,  
because of the certain knowledge that the Lord has risen.  
These people do not debate the resurrection.  
They have experienced it in their lives.  
They have not preserved the faith in hostile surroundings;  
it has preserved them.”  
Lord, may your Easter light shine on us this day,  
may we share the light with others, even at a distance,  
and chase the shadows of the night of death away.

Happy Easter!! Buona Pasqua!! Frohe Ostern!! Maligayang Pasko!!  
Easter Ashamsakal!! Fu huo jie kuai le!! Joyeuses Paques!!  
Wesolych swiat wielkanocnych!!  
Beannachtai na Casca!!