

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Mass Pentecost Sunday	10.00 am
	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Mass Pentecost Sunday	12.00 noon
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Mass	09.30 am
	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	03/05 pm
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May Mass	11.30hours
<b>Mong</b>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Mass	19.45hours
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May Mass	19.45hours

**Church Services** this coming week are disrupted. The Sanctuary lighting in the Parish Church will be replaced, and to facilitate the work, beginning Tuesday, we will not hold our Wednesday and Friday Masses, nor the Midday Rosary. Work will be completed by next weekend.

When we've had Masses with congregations, we've celebrated a midday Mass on Sunday. During the Summer months, from next **Sunday**, 30<sup>th</sup> May, we will hold that **Mass at 11.30am**. This will facilitate people who may have plans for Sunday afternoon, and also facilitate a greater spread of people over the two Sunday Masses. Those Masses will be available on webcam and 108fm.

**The Rosary Marathon** continues this coming week, on Monday at midday, in the Parish Church, and on 108fm, and the webcam. Please continue the Marathon at home. Sometimes they say marathon runners hit a wall at about 23 miles and are inclined to give up. Do keep going.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Brigid Kirwan**, Goatsbridge (10am Mass); **Ellen Roche**, Jerpont Church; **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount; **Maureen Hennessy (nee Meegan)**, Ballyduff & London; **Harry O'Reilly**, Dangan, & daughter **Bridie O'Mahoney**, Dangan; **Siobhan Stapleton**, Kilfane (7pm Mass Frid.). May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses Next weekend:** **Niall Walsh**, Station Road & **Billy Walsh** (11.30am Mass).

**Baptisms** are being celebrated, but always adhering to the guidelines – and for now celebrated only as a single-family celebration'. Please contact the Office or Fr. Dan. The Baptismal teams aren't going out to families to prepare for the Sacrament currently.

**First Confessions:** This week parents/guardians will bring the children to the Church, at designated times, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Re-opening Ireland:** Keep up the good work! Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. Government talks about avoiding 'anticipatory behaviour'. We may be inclined to think that all is well and caution can be abandoned. We get many reminders of the need to be careful. Thanks to all who have worked under very challenging circumstances over the past 15 months. We appreciate your dedication, and the extra stress you have been subjected to, both at home and at work.

Many businesses face uncertainty as they re-open. **Please support local**, because if we don't **shop locally**, businesses will close, and we will bemoan more closed premises, more unemployment. If we want local shops and offices to open, and stay open, we must support them.

**Safeguarding Ossory:** Ms. Kathleen Sherry has been appointed as the Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and becomes the Designated Liaison Person. She will also be Director of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. This role has to do with safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Her telephone number is 085 8021633, and her email address is [safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)

**Diocesan Nurse** (Part time / 20 hours per week) This role is working with clergy in the Ossory Diocese covering most of Kilkenny, six parishes in Laois and one parish in Offaly, providing an advocacy and support service to priests of the Diocese. This will be an opportunity to work within a growing, community client focused organisation. The ideal candidate must be a Registered General Nurse (ideally with community experience), can co-ordinate care planning in the community, be self-motivated and can work on own initiative, possess excellent communication and time management skills. Please contact Colette Ryan at [crayan@carebright.ie](mailto:crayan@carebright.ie) to apply. The closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**Marian Pilgrimages** have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.

**The Priory Institute Online will hold an Open Day 12<sup>th</sup> June.** People attending our online Open Day here in Tallaght in June can meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do. [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**The Diocesan Draw**, raising funds for the renovation of the Cathedral in Kilkenny, will take place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. There will be five draws held on that night, i.e., the draw for January, February, March, April, and May. Those draws didn't take place on time due to level 5 restrictions on movement and gatherings. The first draw will start at the earlier time of 7.00 pm.

**Gratitude, Compassion, Hope: Journeying with God in the Present Moment.** A Webinar on May 28<sup>th</sup> with speaker: Dr. Jessie Rogers, Dean of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Times: 10.30a.m. – 4.00p.m. Dr Jessie will offer 4 sessions of 35 minutes each throughout the day, beginning at 10.30; 12.00; 14.00 & 15.15. After each session there will either be time for quiet reflection/ for Q&A and a coffee and lunch break. To book: E-mail [sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie](mailto:sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie) before May 26<sup>th</sup>. She will send you the link prior to the Webinar. This webinar is free.

The Spirit helps us promote and live the Kingdom of God through love, peace, and justice. We believe that the Spirit instils each person with the Seven Gifts, the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Courage, Right Judgement, Reverence and Wonder and Awe. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.