

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

06<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> June Mass (Corpus Christi)	10.00 hours
	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> June Mass (Corpus Christi)	11.30 hours
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

Masses celebrated at the Parish Church continue to be available on webcam and 108fm.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Paul Forristal**, Maudlin Court (6pm Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe Street (10am Mass); **Mary Cassin**, Coolroebeeg; **Mgr. Jim Cassin** (7pm Mass Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June); **Larry Walsh**, Cappagh; **Patrick Walsh**, Cappagh; **Ellen O'Rourke & Mary O'Rourke**; **Mariamamma Pappachen**, India; **Maureen & Donal Cullinane**, Clonakilty, Co. Cork. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses Next weekend**

**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 are not going out to families to prepare for the Sacrament currently.

**Cemetery Masses:** Unfortunately, it is still deemed unwise to hold Cemetery Masses. Fr. Dan will bless the graves at Colmcille Cemetery on Thursday, and the blessing will be put up on Facebook. He will bless the graves at the Cemetery at St. Columba's Hospital on Friday, and the blessing will likewise be put up on Facebook. In your own time be sure to visit the Cemeteries and say a prayer there. So far, the Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery will not take place this year. Fr. Dan will bless the graves around the August bank holiday.

Thank you for keeping the graves well, and even though we will not gather in big numbers, please keep the Cemeteries well. There may be a grave near yours that is unattended because there is no family remaining in the area. You might remove weeds there and tidy it up. Please make sure to take away rubbish. If bringing your dog to the Cemetery, be sure to always keep it on a lead and remove anything the dog may deposit there.

**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. It is summertime, the June bank holiday, and we all want to party and get together. Please heed the State guidelines, for everyone's sake.

As the country re-opens, don't forget to shop local!

Meanwhile, we think of our young people who prepare for the **Leaving Certificate** exams and come to make important decisions about their future. We wish you all the best, and all God's blessings. He has gifted you, and great plans for humanity, all of which are relying on you.

One of our altars in the Parish Church is dedicated to **the Sacred Heart**. Annually, people pray a Novena for 9 days leading to the feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Prayer cards with the Novena are available at the Sacred Heart Altar.

**Thomastown parish senior citizens second-hand shop:** currently open every Thursday to start and in July back to two days weekly. Call in for a bargain, and the Shop is taking clothing and bric-a-brac donations.

**The June Collection** is currently due. This is one of the six collections taken up throughout the Diocese during the year that supports the priests of the Diocese. All other income goes to the costs of administering the Parish. Sincere thanks to all for your continued generosity to the Parish during these difficult times. Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly, and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order and on our Website Donate button. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Lough Derg 2021:** Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July. The outdoor *Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path* will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**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**

Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 8021633

[safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)

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.

**Before the Blessed Sacrament:** *Outside the church the noisy traffic flows past.*

*People rush hither and thither.*

*But I have left that world behind and I am here before you Lord.*

*I do not exclude my brothers and sisters. I bring them with me,*

*For I know that they are equally dear to you.*

*I have nothing. Yet I know that because I have you, I have everything.*

*I close my mind and open my heart, and so I am at peace.*

*Here I experience my true worth, which consists, not in my possessions or achievements,*

*But in knowing that I am loved by you.*

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1800 313 316

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