

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June Mass	11.30 hours
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June Wedding Mass	13.30 hours
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Masses celebrated at the Parish Church continue to be available on webcam and 108fm.		
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June Mass	19.30hours
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Mass	19.30 hours

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Sister Liguori Byrne, Wexford, died Tuesday; **Stephen Roche**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Angela O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road; **John Fennelly**, Boher. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses Next weekend: Patrick Ryan**, Legan (6pm Mass); **Bishy and Liam Walsh**, Cloghabrody (11.30 Mass).

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Sadhbh Katie Morrissey, Hillview; Emily Jane O'Donnell, Powerswood; Jacob Richard Edwards, Powerswood; Charlie Edward Thomas Conway, Maudlin Court, John Michael McDonald, Mong baptised into the family of God recently.

**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.

**Church Services** in the Parish Church are disrupted this week. The sanctuary lighting will be replaced, and to facilitate the work, which will begin Monday morning, we will not hold our Monday and Wednesday Masses. We will return to Mass at the Parish Church on Friday.

**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. Thanks too for your understanding regarding numbers in Church for Masses. Thanks to our stewards who do such a good job ensuring that our Churches are safe place. Please heed the State guidelines, for everyone's sake. As the country re-opens, don't forget to shop local!

*'Do something beautiful for God'. Mother Teresa.*

**Cemetery Masses:** Unfortunately, it is still deemed unwise to hold Cemetery Masses. 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. Fr. Dan has blessed the graves in Colmcille, with the assistance of Helena and David Hull. The blessing will be posted on Facebook. Fr. Dan will bless the cemetery at St. Columba's Hospital this weekend, and the blessing will be posted on Facebook also. 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.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday of this week, at 7.30pm.

**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.

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 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.