

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Mass	09.30 hours
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	15/17 hours
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July Mass	09.30 hours
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> July Mass	09.30 hours
	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July Baptism	16.00 hours
	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Months Mind Mass	19.30 hours

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

July and August we will not hold Friday evening Mass, due to holiday time. We will celebrate a Wedding Mass this week, and on other Fridays hold Mass at 9.30am.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Margaret & James Kelly & All Deceased Members of the Kelly Family (6pm Mass); Vanessa McGarry, Jerpoint West (6pm Mass); Reid Family James, Joe, Richard & Margaret, Knockard (11.30am Mass); Kathleen O'Brien Months Mind Mass in Mong Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July; Seán Cottrell, Dobbins Mill, Inistioge; Michael O'Keeffe, Smithstown; Margaret Doyle, Newtown Terrace; William Butler, Clossgregg; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Ann Cassin, Boher (6pm 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. Attendees at Baptisms are confined to parents, siblings, sponsors, and grandparents.

**Re-opening Ireland:** Keep up the good work! Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. 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, especially with the quick spreading Delta variant of the virus. Thanks to all who have worked under very challenging circumstances over the past 16 months. Let's remember Grandparents this week, when throughout the world grandparents are remembered. So willing to show love to their grandchildren, the past 18 months have been very difficult on them as they were often deprived of the company of their grandchildren.

**National Heritage Week 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021:** National Heritage Week will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August and we encourage all community groups to showcase their work for Heritage Week. To find out more see [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie) or contact the Heritage Office, Kilkenny County Council at [heritage@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:heritage@kilkennycoco.ie)

**The Cemetery Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery takes place annually this coming weekend. Unfortunately, because of Covid 19, it is considered unwise to hold that Mass this year. Fr. Dan will hold a time of prayer and blessing there, and it will be put on Facebook next weekend. Meanwhile, do call there for your own time of prayer, and also to keep a high standard in the Cemetery as befits this sacred space.



**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**  
I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

**The Olympic Games** In 1892, Baron Pierre de Coubertin began the modern Olympic movement. He advocated the elevation of mind and soul, overcoming differences between nationalities and cultures while embracing friendship, a sense of solidarity and fair play. Enjoy, and good wishes to our Irish athletes.