

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

01<sup>st</sup> August, 2021

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 01 <sup>st</sup> August Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 01 <sup>st</sup> August Mass	11.30 hours
	Baptism	12.45 hours
	Monday 02 <sup>nd</sup> August Mass	10.00 hours
	Wednesday 04 <sup>th</sup> August Mass	09.30 hours
	Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> August Mass	09.30 hours
	Saturday 07 <sup>th</sup> August Baptism	16.00 hours
	Saturday 07 <sup>th</sup> August Vigil Mass	18.00 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 Mass on Fridays at 9.30am.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Christy Stafford**, Pipe Street; **Peter Meegan** Cloughabrody Heights & **Maura Sherlock**, Brownsbarn recently deceased. **Ann Cassin**, Boher (6pm Mass); **Alice Bolger**, Norelands (10am Mass); **Eileen Kirwan Burns**, Hounslow, England; **Anna Power**, Smithstown; **Ned O'Reilly**, Powerswood; **Canon Michael Carroll**. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Eamonn Byrne**, Carrickmourne (Months Mind Mass 6pm); **Annie & Bobby Power**, Grennan View (6pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Avenue (10am Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10am Mass).

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Nora Rose Bergin, Jerpoint Church baptised into the family of God last weekend.

**St Mary's Cemetery** – A blessing of the Cemetery and a prayer for all buried there, in lieu of the annual Cemetery Mass, took place on Thursday. See that on Facebook. Meanwhile, do call there for your own time of prayer, and keep a high standard in the Cemetery as befits this sacred space.

**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. A thank you to all sports people, as we watch GAA, camogie, soccer, tennis, the Olympic Games, the Lions Tour, etc, etc. It is wonderful for spectators to be able to see live games. More wonderful for the players and backup teams. Well done.

**The First Friday** of each month is associated in parishes with bringing Holy Communion to those who are unable to come to Church to receive the Sacrament. During the shut-down of the country it became apparent that many people missed the opportunity to receive Holy Communion regularly. It means a lot to so many. Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Dan at 0876644858, or the Office on Tuesday or Wednesday- 7793191.

**Accord** Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

Please view the YouTube video **fleadhfest kilkenny episode 1** from Mullinavat Comhaltas showing stunning scenery of Thomastown, Dysart, Jerpoint Abbey, Inistioge, Ballyhale, Graiguenamanagh, Mullinavat, Bigwood, Kilmacow and Grannagh Castle with music, song, dance and poetry from "Tusa" and featuring Michael Flatley and Henry Shefflin. Please share far and wide with relations and friends.

**The Youth 2000 Summer Festival** for 16–35-year-olds will take place online from 13-15<sup>th</sup> August at [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie). The weekends Masses will be celebrated in person in St. Paul's Church, Waterford on Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 4pm and 8:30pm (reconciliation and healing service) with the closing Mass Sunday at 2:30pm with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. You will not want to miss this! Register now to hear inspiring workshops, moving testimonies and excellent talks from our keynote speaker Fr. Aelred Magee OSCO. For more details visit [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie) and keep an eye on our social media pages.

**Unicef** has an interesting advertisement which says '**Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine**'. Nobody is safe until everyone is safe, and Unicef undertakes to distribute 2 billion vaccines to the most vulnerable families and high-risk people on the planet. If you've got your vaccine at no cost to yourself, have a look at the website, and see if you may be inclined to help.

*Mother Teresa of Calcutta sent some of her sisters to a deprived area in New York. They were startled by a new form of hunger, particularly the hunger of loneliness among old people, living on their own and rarely if ever visited by their family. The hunger they experienced in Calcutta could be satisfied by bread and rice. This new hunger had to be fed with a different bread. The sisters visited these lonely people, chatted to them, and helped with laundry, cleaning and shopping. Hunger of the spirit is experienced by people who have been abandoned, abused, rejected, mocked, or deprived of human dignity in one way or another. Jesus was mindful of another hunger when he said 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right'. 'Lord Jesus Christ, you said of yourself, 'I am the bread of life.' You provided bread for people when you multiplied the loaves and fishes. You moved on to describe yourself as the spiritual bread to satisfy the hungers of the heart and mind. And then you promised to give the bread which would be your flesh offered up on the cross for the life of the world. This is your presence in the Blessed Eucharist. Strengthen our faith. Call those who have strayed away. Help them to realise what they have been missing. (Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap)*