

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th August 2021, Feast of the Assumption of Mary

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15th August 2021.

Parish Church	Sunday 15 th August Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 15 th August Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 16 th August Mass	09.30 hours
	Wednesday 18 th August Mass	09.30 hours
	Thursday 19 th August Wedding Mass	13.00 hours
	Friday 20 th August Eucharistic Service	09.30 hours
	Saturday 21 st August Baptism	14.30 hours
	Saturday 21 st August Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Masses celebrated at the Parish Church continue to be available on webcam and 108fm.		
Chapel Hill	Thursday 19 th August Mass	19.30 hours.

Deaths and anniversaries: **Jim Minogue**, Cloughabrody; **Bill & Catherine O'Reilly**, Newtown; **Josie Challoner**, Dangan Terrace; **Michael (Mick) Pierr**, Ladywell; **Frances & Michael O'Shea** (9.30am Mass on Wednesday). May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Richard & John Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Avenue (11.30am Mass).

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Nora Katrin Petkova, Ballylinch Stud, baptised into the family of God last weekend.

Parish Finances: The report on Parish Finances for 2020 has been published recently. If you haven't already got a copy, it is available with the Newsletters at the back of the Church. The Finance Committee is very grateful for your financial support in 2020. As we cannot currently pass around the collection bags at Masses, the stewards will have a box at the door as you come to Mass. Otherwise, there is a box at the candle stand, which is emptied daily. You may like to leave your contributions there or leave them in the letter box at the Parish Office. When you join us for Mass on the parish webcam, please notice that there is a DONATE button on the screen, and you may consider contributing in this way. If your circumstances allow, please consider setting up a Direct Debit using the following information:
Account name Thomastown Church Parochial Current Account.
BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE39 BOFI 906099 11711780.
Please use your name as reference.

You may also wish to consider making a gift or bequests towards ongoing capital cost as a way of remembering a loved one. Any such legacies would be greatly appreciated.
If anyone would like further information on any of the figures above, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Finance Committee.

Re-opening Ireland: Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. Thanks to all who have worked under very challenging circumstances over the past 16 months. And thank you to you who join us physically at Mass and thank you to our Stewards. We remember that we still need to observe social distancing inside and outside our Churches. Facemasks must be worn at all Masses and ceremonies. Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter the Church. For Communion in the Parish Church, please continue to observe the one-way system – up the centre aisle and down the sides, beginning with those in the centre aisle. Communion is given in the hand only. And please take your copy of the Mass leaflet home with you.

Annual General Meeting Thomastown Men's Shed: The Annual General Meeting of Thomastown Men's Shed will take place at 14.30 hours on Tuesday 31 August 2021 in the Thomastown Men's Shed Building, Marshes Street, Thomastown.

The 'Season of Creation 2021' begins 1st September and ends on 4th October. Read about it on www.catholicbishops.ie Maybe you can play a part this year.

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

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.

Our Lady of Knock – 17th August The story of Knock began on the 21 August 1879 when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. The witnesses clearly saw the Blessed Virgin Mary dressed in white robes, her hands and eyes turned towards heaven in prayer. On her head was a gold crown and where the crown fitted the brow, a single golden rose. On her right, bowed respectfully towards her, was St. Joseph. He appeared older, his beard and hair were grey and, like Our Lady, he was barefoot. To Our Lady's left stood John the Evangelist vested as a bishop, wearing a small mitre. He held an open book in his left hand and in its pages the lines and letters could clearly be seen. He appeared to be preaching but no voice was heard

Knock is an internationally recognised Marian shrine. St John Paul II visited Knock as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26 August 2018. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine. The National Public Novena takes place each year at Knock Shrine from the 14th to the 22nd of August. Prayer leaflets and participation in the Novena is possible through their website: www.knockshrine.ie

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