

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 22nd August 2021.

Parish Church	Sunday 22 nd August Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 22 nd August Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 23 rd August Mass	09.30 hours
	Monday 23 rd Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	15/17 hours
	Wednesday 25 th August Mass	09.30 hours
	Friday 27 th August Mass	09.30 hours
	Saturday 28 th August Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Masses celebrated at the Parish Church continue to be available on webcam and 108fm.		
Mong:	Thursday 26 th August Mass	19.30 hours.

Deaths and anniversaries: Maureen Doyle, Bawnskeha died this past week; **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Richard & John Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Avenue (11.30am Mass). **Phyllis Farrell**, Naas; **Mary Doyle**, Kilfane; **Thomas & Margaret Begley**, 9, Newtown Tce; **Bobby Grace**, Logan Street; **Joe Walsh**, Low Street; **Andrew Deneffe**, Jerpoint West. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Peter Meegan, Cloughabrody Heights (Months Mind Mass (6pm); **Joan & Michael Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass)

Re-opening Ireland: Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. 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. As minds travel to our schools starting once more for a new school year, we salute all school staffs for handling very well the extra load having to do with Covid-19 this past school year, and we wish all good wishes and blessings on the young people, school staffs, and families as the new year begins.

The Annual General Meeting of Thomastown Men's Shed will take place at 14.30 hours on Wednesday 1 September 2021 in the Thomastown Men's Shed Building, Marshes Street. AGENDA: Chairman's welcome. Reading of previous AGM minutes. Chairman's Report. Treasurer's Report., Membership Officer's Report., Election of Management Committee. Chairman's closing address.

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.

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Veritas, the Catholic Publishing Company, based at Lower Abbey Street in Dublin, offers a wonderful selection of **Children's Bibles**. A good, and useful present to the grandchildren returning to school these days. Check the Website.

For the grownups, here are a few offerings:

Upcoming Events at Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois

Prayerful Meditation Day – Saturday 18th September 2021. 10am – 3.30pm. Come and enjoy a day of peace, reflection and prayer after a year of coping with Covid, shut downs, and uncertainty. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb and Mount St. Anne's Team. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch). Tea/Coffee provided. Bookings to 057-8626153 or email: secretary@mountstannes.com

Autumn Online Courses: For details of all upcoming events, check out the website on www.mountstannes.com All Courses are at 19.00-21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM. €100 per full course. To book a place please email ceo@mountstannes.com

October 6, 13, 20, 27 - 'Laudato Si in our Contemporary World' with Sean McDonagh
October 7, 14, 21, 28 - 'Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith' with Rosalie Moloney
November 3, 10, 17, 24 - 'Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?' with Michael Drumm

November 4, 11, 18, 25 - 'Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II' with Janet Forbes and Oonagh O' Brien.

The Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College Maynooth offers a blended learning **Higher Diploma in Theological Studies**. For any enquiries please contact the admissions team:
E: admissions@spcm.ie T: +353 (0)1 708 3964

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*When many of his disciples were leaving him,
Jesus turned to the apostles and said, 'Will you also leave me?'
These words are addressed to us too.
It's not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him.
But why would we want to leave the Lord,
who alone has the words of eternal life?
We need to make our won Peter's profession of faith.
Every Sunday we get a chance to do so.
We need the Lord to strengthen our faith.
We also need to confirm one another.
Lord, confirm our decision to stay with you.
Draw us closer to you in bonds of trust,
so that we may follow you in love and freedom.*