

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th September 2021

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 19th September 2021.

Parish Church	Sunday 19 th September Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 19 th September Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 20 th September Mass	09.30 hours
	Monday 20 th Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	15-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 22 nd September Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 24 th September Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 25 th First Communion Mass	12.00 hours
	Saturday 25 th September Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

Mong Thursday 24th September Mass 19.30 hours

Deaths and anniversaries: Marian Doyle, Newtown died recently; **Elizabeth Pitwon**, Poland; **Ann Phelan**, The Quay; **Elizabeth Valeyly**, John and Catherine Doody, Colmcille; (6pm Mass); **Colin O'Brien**, Friarshill; **John Kenny**, Kiljames; **John Costelloe**, Galway, and the deceased members of the Costelloe family, Pipe St; (10am Mass); **Michael Treacy**, Ballinamona. (11.30am Mass); **Laurence Holden**, Knockbrack; **Nancy Carroll**, Ladywell; **Murt Dowling**, Newtown Terrace (Mass 9.20am Wednesday); **Marian Lennon**, (Thursday 7.30pm). May they all rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Annie and Paddy Holohan, Ballylinch (10am Mass); **Billy O'Brien**, Friar's Hill (11.30am Mass)..

Re-opening Ireland: Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. It is good news that as the country reopens further, from Monday 6th September the numbers permitted by the State to gather for Church Ceremonies is extended to 50% of venue capacity. Our stewards, to whom we're very grateful for their service, will guide us in this regard. Meanwhile, 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 do take your copy of the Mass leaflet home. Thanks to the families of the girls and boys who received First Communion last weekend. You've made sure to keep things safe for everyone. The National School Day begins at 9.10am this year, rather than 9.30am, and we ask all to take good care entering and departing Church grounds. On Wednesdays 6th Class students will join us for Mass. As their day starts at 9.10 we'll bring Wednesday Mass forward to facilitate them.

Baptism: Welcome Isla Mai Challoner, Newtown, and Charlie James Croke, Logan Street, baptised into the Family of God last weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main Church on Thursday next 23rd September for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome.

The Cathedral Draw. Over the past few years work has been done to renovate the Cathedral, and this work is continuing. €600,000 has been raised through a Restoration Fund Draw. The new Draw begins this month with the first draw on Wednesday 29th, and will continue for the year. Subscriptions cost €10 each month, with €5000 in prizes each month. Please consider supporting the Draw. Make your subscription through the Parish Office, Murphy Victuallers, or Liam Reddy.

Season of Creation: During these days we are called to be alert to ways of caring for our planet. It's beautiful, so we need to mind it. Check-up www.catholicbishops.ie What about, in the coming week

- Turning off Computers and photocopiers when not in use;
- Buy locally sourced food, and shop local
- Plant butterfly and bee friendly plants and flowers.

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.

There's nothing wrong with being ambitious. It is good to be ambitious, to have goals, to want to be good at what one does and to succeed in it. But ambition can get out of hand. So, we must be careful what we are sacrificing in the pursuit of our goals. We may be sacrificing family life, justice, kindness, even life itself.

Jesus did not abolish ambition. Rather, he redefined it. For the ambition to rule others he substituted the ambition to serve others. For the ambition to have others do things for us he substituted the ambition to do things for others. So, it is not ambition itself that is being condemned, but false ambition.

False ambition is very damaging to community. It springs from jealousy and selfishness. And it can result in all kinds of ugly behaviour.

There is a good form of ambition which Christians should not shy away from. Jesus did not tell the apostles that they should not seek greatness in his kingdom. He just showed them where true greatness was to be found. It is not to be found in being the masters of others, but rather in being the servants of others, especially the weaker members of the community.

Service implies that you're not there for yourself. You are there for others. (Flor McCarthy)

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