

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Mass	11.30 hours
	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Baptism	12.45hours
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September Mass	09.30 hours
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	15-17.00 hours
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Preparation for Confirmation Mass	19.30 hours
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Preparation for Confirmation Mass	19.30 hours
	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Confirmation	10.15 hours
	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Confirmation	12.00 hours
	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Masses celebrated at the Parish Church continue to be available on webcam and 108fm.		
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Baptism	16.00 hours

**Deaths and anniversaries: Micheal Bookle**, Newtown, (6pm Saturday), **Annie & Paddy Holohan**, Ballylinch (10am Sunday), **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill St, (11.30am Sunday) **Billy O'Brien**, Friarshill (11.30am Sunday), **Teresa Sheehan**, Noreview Crescent, **Patrick Ryan**, Thomastown, **James & Katie Minogue & all family Members**, Coppengagh. **Dorothy Teesdale**, (7pm Friday) May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Michael Manning**, (6pm Saturday), **Joe Challoner**, formerly Newtown Tce, (11.30am Sunday)

**First Communions / Confirmations:** Our second day of First Communions is this Saturday. Confirmation will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, with two celebrations, at 10.15 and 12 midday.

**Re-opening Ireland:** Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. 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.

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in Thomastown next weekend. We want to assure the families of the young people that great care is taken in our Churches to

make sure that they are safe places, and remind the families involved with the Sacrament to make sure that family celebrations adhere to the advice given to keep the country safe. On Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> Class students will join us for Mass. As their day starts at 9.10, we'll bring Wednesday Mass forward to facilitate them.

**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 Friday - 7793191.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association AGM** will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm at Thomastown Community Centre.

**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 next Wednesday and will continue for the year. Subscriptions cost €10 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 2021: Restoring our Common Home** takes place this year from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we are asked to join to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. Resources for the Season of Creation are available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) You'll see there that Trocaire has drawn up a list of 100 ways for parishes to implement Laudato Si. The Parish Council will be looking at this list. The UN Climate Conference takes place in Glasgow in November. Catholics are asked to help create the momentum that is needed for real change This Season of Creation all of us are urged to sign the 'Healthy Planet Healthy People' petition by going to [www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org), adding your name, and encouraging others to do so too. In this way we can take a stand for future generations.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**The problem of riches** is one of the great secrets in capitalist Christianity. We are probably members of a wealthy church. Money may be our biggest difficulty. Marx called it our "jealous god," who can tolerate no other deity. Money has immense power. It is almost sacramental. It gets us acceptance into the real world. It purchases persons. *Money becomes evil when rights are not balanced by responsibilities, and responsibilities are not balanced by rights.* When these are balanced, money can do a great deal of good – both for the giver and the receiver, and hopefully for others. There's surely nothing bad about that. This interpretation keeps us from wrongly framing the issue, as so many have done in history- by making the rich or the poor inherently bad or inherently virtuous. Individuals in both economic groups can be materialistic consumers or generous-hearted givers, just at their own scale. St. Paul never said money is the root of all evil. He said 'the love of money is the root of all evils. (Richard Rohr).