

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Mass	09.30 hours
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	15-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October Baptisms	14.30 & 16.00 hours
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

**Chapel Hill** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October Mass 19.30 hours

**Deaths and anniversaries: Margaret O'Driscoll**, Callan, recently deceased; **Michael (Mick) Manning** (6pm Mass); **Larry Stapleton** (6pm Mass); **Joe Challoner** (formerly Newtown Tce 11.30am Mass); **Paud Kavanagh**, Berkley Lawns; **Mairéad O'Hara (nee Kirwan)**, Jackstown. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Marian Doyle**, Newtown, (Month's Mind 6pm Mass); **Liam Burke**, Castle Avenue (6pm Mass); **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne (10am Mass); **Noel O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road; **Kathleen Finan**, Kilmurray (11.30am Mass)

**The following received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Thomastown this weekend-** Aidan Heafey, Áine Bambrick, Anna Morrissey, Camille Brandon, Caoimhe Garry, Conor Coone, Dion Cody, Edward Kavanagh, Ellen Lawler, Eva Magnez, Harijs Bluzma, Harry Bay, Hollie Barry, Katie Hobson-Shaw, Lilly Peg Maher, Millie Brennan, Millie Grace Hughes, Paddy Challoner, Rebecca Doyle, Richard Forristal, Robbie Barron, Róisín Dalton, Roman Connolly, Seán Grace, Sophie Barcoe, T. J. Brennan, Tom Challoner, Zoe Magnez, Aaron Cullen, Aimee Power, Aisling Coverdale, Ann-Marie Walsh, Ben Nevin, Caden Davis, Caoimhe O'Neill, Ciarán O'Dwyer, Cillian O'Neill, Dan Nolan, Ellen Treacy, Fionn Minogue, Harvey Mullins, James Dempsey, James O'Reilly, Kate Rose O'Neill, Kevin Dirzius, Leah Gillespie, Lilyrose Watson, Mary Kate Ryan, Megan O'Reilly, Aleksandra Opac, Patrick Murray, Patryk Salamon, Poesie Watts, Ruby Ridout, Saidbh O'Carroll, Saoirse Tallis, Seán Fitzmaurice, Jack Ravenhall. Congratulations to our young people who receive Confirmation, and to Bernard Cash and Alan Ward, who received Confirmation earlier in the year.

*All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Re-opening Ireland:** Thank you for your efforts to play your part in re-opening Ireland. It is good news that 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 continue to 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 please take your copy of the Mass leaflet home.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Parish Council consists of the Parish Priest together a representative group of Parishioners. The role of the Council is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love, values and teaching of Christ in our world, addressing the issues which affect the lives of the people. Kevin Kelly is now the Chairperson of the PPC, succeeding Bernie Dempsey who chaired our meetings for the past few years.

**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. This weekend, notice and enjoy nature – the autumn colours and fruit and vegetables. Make plans for planting so that next year we may have a good harvest too. And thank God for it all.

**Big Brother Big Sister Youth Mentoring Programme Urgently Requires Volunteers:** Have you an hour a week to volunteer to build a friendship with a young person in Kilkenny who needs a little extra support? You will be matched with a young person based on your hobbies, interests and personality. Full training and support will be provided throughout your involvement in the programme. To find out more go to [www.foroige.ie/bbbs](http://www.foroige.ie/bbbs) or contact Kate Carroll, Big Brother Big Sister Programme Officer on 086 068 5200 or [kate.carroll@foroige.ie](mailto:kate.carroll@foroige.ie)

**Would you like to work as a Health Care Support Assistant?** The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford areas. If you would like more information on how you can join the team, please check the job search section on [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) using reference code: SECH21HCSA to find out more details. Please note closing date is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Kilkenny enquiries please contact Sinead on (056) 7784698.

**Active Retirement Group:** Thomastown Area monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the Community Hall. New members are welcome.

**Youth and Age:** *Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living several years; People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair, these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. You are as young as your Faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur, and power from the earth, from man, from the infinite, so long are you young. When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then I am grown old indeed, and may you Lord, have mercy on my soul.*  
General Douglas MacArthur.