

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Mass</b>	<b>09.20 hours</b>
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	15-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November Mass for the Dead	19.00 hours
	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November Baptism	16.00 hours
	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

**Chapel Hill** Mass 11<sup>th</sup> November 19.00 hours

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Martin Roche**, Grennan; **Maggie Flood**, Ballymurphy recently deceased; **Peter, Pakie and Molly Hannon**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Bessie Delaney**, Pipe St, (10am Mass); **Hannah Dunne**, Cherrymount (11.30am Mass); **M.O.Kuriaw** ( Monday Mass); **Elizabeth McConville**, Low St; **Paz Magpantay**; **William and Paddy Grace, Grennan**; **Mick Dack, Cloghabrody**; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Pat Stapleton**, Dangan (6pm Mass); **Maura and Austie Windrim** (10am Mass); **Alice O’Keefe**, Smithstown (10am Mass).

**November Masses for those who died since last November and for all the dead:** we will call them to mind at our four Friday Masses in November, three months at a time. Bernie Dempsey and Sister Bernadette will be looking for photographs which we will put up in Church, so it will help greatly if you have a photograph ready for them – or leave it into the Parish Office. If you’ve lost a loved one who is buried elsewhere, feel free to provide a photograph, and we will be very happy to remember them also. Next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, while we remember all the Dead, we will call to mind those who died last February, March and April.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** met on Wednesday. Among other things the PPC is working towards a Carol Service. We are also seeking to discern the areas of Parish life the PPC ought to prioritise for 2022. Any ideas? Email [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) or chat with one of the PPC members.

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area:** Bishop Nulty, our Administrator, will visit the Pastoral Area and celebrate Mass in Inistioge on Sunday at 11am. The purpose of the visit is to encourage the growth of collaboration among our two parishes of Inistioge and Thomastown. We must see how we can better promote the reign of God among us by doing things together.

**Trocaire East Africa Hunger Crisis:** Countries like Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia are experiencing escalating climate change, conflict, swarms of desert locusts, and Covid. Over 30 million children, women and men are being pushed into starvation. Without emergency food and aid, many more won’t survive. Lives depend on our ability to reach them. The Bishops Conference has agreed for and Emergency Collection this weekend. Our congregations on Saturday and Sunday are invited to support the Collection coming out of Mass. If unable to be at Mass you may like to support the Trocaire appeal directly, or leave a contribution in an envelope marked Trocaire at the Church sacristy or Parish Office.

**Archbishop Dermot Farrell** will visit Ossory on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Because of Covid gatherings have had to be restricted, but on Tuesday at 7.30pm the archbishop will join with us for Evening Prayer. You would be welcome to join the occasion.

Government advises that **COVID-19** infection rates are once again increasing along with hospitalisation and ICU admissions. We will need to continue to monitor the ongoing risk from the disease and, including through testing and contact tracing as appropriate. We will all need to take steps individually and collectively in our everyday lives to keep this risk under control, in particular by - acting fast, isolating and getting tested if we have symptoms;

- wearing our face coverings where appropriate;
- making sure that indoor spaces are well ventilated;
- maintaining adequate social distancing whenever appropriate; and
- covering our coughs and sneezes and keeping our hands clean by using sanitizers. .

From October 22 Religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place. The directions seem confusing, so for the moment, until there is more clarity, we will uphold the current social distancing in 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.

**A youth trip to Taizé** in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taize and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from December 2021 to July 2022 is open to Transition year, 5<sup>th</sup> year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or [pbookle@ossoryyouth.com](mailto:pbookle@ossoryyouth.com)

**Giving:** *You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.*

*There are those who give little of the much which they have and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.*

*And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life and their coffer is never empty.*

*Through the hands of such as these God speaks and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth. Kahlil Gibran.*