

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
14th November 2021

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14th November 2021.

Parish Church	Sunday 14 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 14 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 15 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday 17 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 19 th Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 20 th Baptism	16.00 hours
	Saturday 20 th Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

Mong Thursday 18th November 19.00 hours

Deaths and anniversaries: Kathleen Reddy, Dangan, Fr. John Duggan, a native of Glenmore and priest of the Diocese who died in the US, and Fr. Michael Norton, former parish priest of Rosbercon, died recently; Pat Stapleton, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); Maura and Austie Windrim, (10am Mass); Alice O’Keeffe, Smithstown (10am Mass); Mary O’Neill, (nee Landy) Station Rd; Martin and Bridget Moore, Ballydonnell. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Pat Higginbotham (6pm Mass); **Joe and Josie Lannon**, 34 Dangan Tce (6pm Mass).

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society will hold Adoration on **Wednesday 17th** from 7pm to 8pm for Vocations to Priesthood and religious life. Please join us.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Thomastown Tidy Towns AGM will be held in Thomastown Community Centre on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm.

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 are looking for photographs for the 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, 12th November, while we remember all the Dead, we will call to mind those who died last May, June and July.

‘If in the end we have not chosen God, then it will not matter what else we have chosen’

C.S. Lewis

The Friends of Calcutta express their appreciation of your generosity with their recent Clothes Collection. The Friends run schools in Calcutta, among the most dis-advantaged people. Read all about the project on www.friensofcalcutta.net Thank you!

We’ve forwarded to the Diocesan Office €830 for **the Missions**. This supports the work of Missionaries throughout the world. Thank you!

We’ve forwarded €1,405 to the Diocesan Office in response to **the Trocaire appeal** last weekend. Once more, thank you!

The Lord would say ‘Insofar as you did it for one of the least of my brothers or sisters you did it for me’.

By the numbers we hear each day, we appreciate that **COVID-19** hasn’t gone away. 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.

For this year’s **Carol Service** on 21st Dec, we have a very special choir participating which will be made up of local frontline workers. We already have the local fire service, An Garda Siochana and staff from St Columba’s Hospital involved. If however you, or anybody you know who works in our frontline services in other capacities would like to join the choir on the night, please let us know by texting your name to Kevin on 087-2213717. You will be needed for a rehearsal during December and then of course for the Carol Service itself. For the year that’s in it, it will be very symbolic to have our frontline workers involved.

Safeguarding Sunday: As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being and will work in partnership with parents/ guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

This weekend is designated Safeguarding Sunday to highlight the significance of Safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults. The Newsletter is available in Church. See www.ossory.ie/safeguarding

Retired Nurses Association of Ireland: Mass for retired & deceased nurses will be celebrated in St. Fiacre’s Church, Loughboy on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 10.30am. A collection for Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team will take place outside the church after Mass.