

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th December 2021

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CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 19th December 2021

| Parish Church | Sunday 19 th Mass | 10.00 hours |
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| | Sunday 19 th Mass | 11.30 hours |
| | Monday 20 th Mass | 09.20 hours |
| | Monday 20 th Adoration | 15-17 hours |
| | Wednesday 22 nd Mass | 09.20 hours |
| | Friday 24 th Mass Christmas Eve | 17.00 hours 20.00 hours |
| | Saturday 25 th Christmas Day Mass | 10.00 hours 11.30 hours |
| | Sunday 26 th Mass | 10.00 hours 11.30 hours |
| | Monday 27 th Mass | 10.00 hours |
| | Wednesday 29 th Mass | 10.00 hours |
| | Friday 31 st Mass | 19.00 hours |
| | Saturday 1st January | 10.00 hours 18.00 hours |
| | Sunday 2 nd Mass | 10.00 hours 11.30 hours |
| | Monday 3 rd Mass | 10.00 hours |
| | Wednesday 5 th Vigil Mass | 19.00 hours |
| | Thursday 6 th Epiphany | 10.00 hours |
| | Friday 7 th Mass | 19.00 hours |
| | Saturday 8 th Mass | 18.00 hours |
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As we have discovered over nearly two years, all arrangements are provisional, depending on advice in these Covid times. We ask people who have covid symptoms or underlying health issues to join us on webcam or 108fm. Government advises that for Masses and other Church services half the capacity be admitted. The stewards will advise that if numbers exceed half the Church capacity, then join us outside, or in your cars on webcam or radio. Communion will be administered at the Church steps for those who cannot join us in Church.

Christmas Dinner will be served at the Community Hall on Christmas Day at 12.30. Don't e alone this Christmas Day. Enquiries to 087 7728170 and call this number if you hope to join the company. Donations are welcome.

Deaths and anniversaries: **Dan Shanahan**, recently deceased; **Bernie Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Catherine Walsh**, Chapel Lane (6pm Mass); **May Delaney**, Pipe St (10.00am Mass); **Niall Hogan**, Ruppá (11.30am Mass); **Nora & Jackie Dunphy**, Dangan (11.30am Mass); **Louise Walsh** (Mong 7pm Mass); **Annastasia O'Brien** (Mong 7pm Mass); **Kristian Friel**, 55 Cloghabrody Heights; **Jimmy, Betty & Seamus Byrne**, Dangan Tce; **Kathleen Holden**, Knockbrack; **Patrick Doyle**, Kilfane; **Sean Doyle & Michael Doyle**, Noreview Crescent & Colmcille; **Thomas Morrissey**, Coolroemore; **Mary & Larry Costelloe**; **Margaret & Michael Madigan**; **Mary Kelly**, 42 Newtown Tce; **Lennie & May Fennelly**; **Fr. John & Lucy Fennelly**, Knock & Thomastown; **John Challoner**, Bray & Thomastown; **Ellen & Richard Moran**, Bennettsbridge; **Mary Hogan**. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Breda Burke** (nee Skehan) Dublin & Newtown (10.00am Mass); **Fr. Paul Fitzgerald** (10.00am Mass); **Conor Doyle**, Jerpoint West; **John Butler**, Pleberstown (11.30am Mass).

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: Shop will be closed next week 23rd and 24th December reopening on Thursday 6th January 2022.

The Parish Office will shut on Tuesday afternoon, 21st, and our secretaries will resume on Tuesday 4th January. The next Newsletter will be available on Saturday 8th January.

Kilkenny MABS, South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service offers *Free, Independent and Confidential Money Management and Advice Service* Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources. Money Management Sessions are provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups. Tel: 0818 072610

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Please call the National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so they will be there to take your call when you need them most.

Calling all men: Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (Jan 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thur Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 passcode: 997298 with zoom link below.

Mary is the one we look to as the true example of a witness to Jesus Christ. She shows us clearly what is at the heart of a Christian Vocation - a Yes to God's plan for my life which is a Gift to be shared with others. When we say yes to God in a spirit of generosity and look beyond ourselves, we are truly carriers of Christ, bearers of the Good News, agents of Gospel care. We sow the seeds of Joy in a world that needs to regain its smile For further Information contact Fr Kieran O' Shea vocations@ossory.ie See our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/vocationsossory21> or follow us on twitter @vocossory

*Happy Christmas!! Nollaig shona dhaoibh!! Christmas Ashamsakal! Joyeux Noël!
 Frohe Weihnachten! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Feliz Natal!
 Wrolijk kerstfeest! Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!*