

**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

**Deaths and anniversaries: Tom Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Finbarr Phelan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Denis Cassin**, Coolroebeag (10am Mass); **Brendan O'Neill**, Chapel Lane Month's Mind (11.30am Mass); **Margie Kehoe** (11.30am Mass); **Fr. Leonard Forristal**; **Pat Forristal**, Ballyconway; **Brigid McDermott**, Donegal; **Emily Kelly**, London; **Paula O'Shea**, Thomastown; **Barnes Tilney**, Dublin; **Statia Grace**, Logan St: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Leonard Teesdale**, Belmore (6pm Mass); **Beebee & Neddy Hogan**, 3 Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Harry Beck & Ann Beck McFadden**, Dangan Tce & Singapore (11.30am Mass); **Tom Lannon**, 33 Dangan Tce (11.30am Mass); **Brohna Woods**, Newtown Tce.

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, is the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. Candles are blessed at Mass that day and will be available in Church afterwards.

Thursday is the Feast of **St. Blaise**. A physician before he became a bishop, he is venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. Using two blessed and unlighted candles you may like to bless the throats of your family members with the following words:

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**The First Friday** 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.

We are reminded that **Covid** hasn't gone away. Nephth's advice to Government has been that the health system and society can 'manage' it. We must continue to take care. In the Parish Church we continue to occupy every second seat in the side aisles to facilitate people who may be anxious around physical distancing. Please continue to use facemasks and use the sanitizers.

**Parish Envelopes** are being distributed these days. Apologies for the late delivery, a month into the new year. Thank you to the people who deliver them in the different areas of the parish. With changes of address, please let us know. We depend on your support for the financial running of our Parish. If we don't provide you with envelopes, please contact the Office.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association:** the shop reopens Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and will be open every Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday will be at Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May. B&B plus evening meal, daytrip each day, entertainment each evening. Cost is €650 per person sharing. Single room supplement is €240. A non-refundable booking deposit of €50 will secure your place. Latest date for final payment is 22<sup>nd</sup> April. To book your place call to the Senior Citizens Shop at the Community Hall Thursday or Friday, 10am to 2pm.

An eight-day **pilgrimage to the Holy Land** takes place from 16th to 24th February 2022. Led by Fr. John Carroll (Ferns Diocese), there are still a small number of places available. The pilgrimage will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and other sites in the Holy Land associated with Jesus. Price is €1725. To reserve your place, please call Marian Pilgrimages on 01-8788159 or email [info@marian.ie](mailto:info@marian.ie)

**Anam Cara Waterford** is launching a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 8th February at 7:20pm in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Parish Newsletter by email**... Please drop an email request to [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) if you are interested. Otherwise, you can find it on the website.

+ *The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focused on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?*

+ *The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from our thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?*

+ *Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way? Have you seen this courage in others?*