

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06th February 2022.

Parish Church	Sunday 06 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 06 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 07 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday 07 th Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 09 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 11 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 12 th Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

Deaths and anniversaries: Fr. John Condon, Owing; Pauline O'Brien nee McEntee, Mooncoin; Rita McDonald nee Moore Ballydonnell & England; Margaret James nee Langton, Kilcullen & London all recently deceased; Leonard Teesdale, Belmore (6pm Mass); Beebee & Neddy Hogan, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); Joe Minogue, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); Harry Beck & Ann Beck McFadden Dangan & Singapore (11.30am Mass); Tom Lannon, 33 Dangan Tce (11.30am Mass); Brohna Woods, Newtown Tce, Richard Gaule, Colmcille; John Morrissey, Coolroemore; Mary McMahon, Newtown; Margaret Denieffe & son Jamie; Teresa Walsh, Low St; Angela Walsh, Jerpoint Hill; Gerry Meegan, Ballyduff: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Cáit Doyle, 1st anniversary (6pm Mass); Elizabeth Lee (6pm Mass); John Dalton 1st anniversary (6pm Mass); Noirin O'Sullivan (6pm Mass); Seamus Cullen Month's Mind (10.am Mass); Kathleen Delahunty Mill St & John Delahunty Newtown Tce (11.30am Mass); Ned Whelan, Mong.

CARE OF OUR CEMETERY: There has been a marked improvement with regard to the care taken in disposing of materials from graves. Well done! Keep up the good work!

Thomastown Community Allotments To apply for an allotment for 2022, please contact 087 2570735.

Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre at Portarlinton, Co. Laois, offers a rich variety of talks and courses in February, March and April. Visit the website for full details of all the upcoming events: www.mountstannes.com

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association 22nd Annual Holiday will be at Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo from 21st May to 27th 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 22nd April. To book your place call to the Senior Citizens Shop at the Community Hall Thursday or Friday, 10am to 2pm.

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 still have anxiety around physical distancing. Please continue to use facemasks and use the sanitizers. Bishop Nulty has advised that we not yet have a handshake as the Sign of Peace. Holy water is not restored yet to fonts for communal use at the entrance of Church buildings. If you wish to take home Holy Water, it is available to you near the Baptismal Font. The Bishop's Conference will meet in March and will review the situation.

Pope Francis wants to hear you - and we do too! Our Synodal Journey

The Church in Ireland and throughout the world is on a synodal journey. This is, Pope Francis is clear, not a journey to a particular destination rather it is the journey itself which is our destination. It is a church that walks together, sharing our hopes and fears about faith, a church wherein we listen deeply to each other - that is our goal. It is not the voices of some but the voices of all that truly matter. In doing this we will hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the Church today. In the weeks ahead plans will be made for these conversations. We will keep you informed.

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer **Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

