

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th February 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13th February 2022.

Parish Church	Sunday 13 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 13 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 14 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday 14 th Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 16 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 18 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 19 th Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

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St. Columba's Hospital: Bishop Nulty will visit the Hospital and celebrate Mass with the patients on Tuesday.

Deaths and anniversaries: James Meyler, Grennan Month's Mind (6pm Mass); Cáit Doyle Smithstown 1st Anniversary (6pm Mass); John Dalton, Cloghabrody 1st Anniversary (6pm Mass); Lilian Lee, The Belfry 1st Anniversary (6pm Mass); Nóirín O'Sullivan (6pm Mass); Thomas Stapleton Maudlin St (6pm Mass); Seamus Cullen Dangan, Month's Mind (10.00am Mass); Herman Wagner (10.00am Mass); Kathleen Delahunty, Mill St & John Delahunty, Newtown Tce (11.30am Mass); Ned Whelan, Mong; Philip Kelly, Friarhill; Paschal Kelly, Mill St & Manchester; Michael Minogue, Jerpoint West; Andrew & Kathleen Barron, Ballyconway; Moll Brien, Mong (Thursday 7pm Mass); May they rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Jim & Rita Caulfield (6pm Mass); Jim (Dotty) Power (6pm Mass); Padraig Kirwan, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass); William Savage, Friarhill (11.30am Mass); Sean Finan, Kilmurry (11.30am Mass).

St. Valentine's Day comes about on Monday. Real love means committed love, a love signified by the ring – unending. At Masses at the weekend we will bless rings, for those who would like to come forward after Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration in the main Church on Tuesday 15th from 6.30pm ending with Rosary at 7.30pm for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. All welcome and new members needed.

'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life.

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

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. Still, you and I 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.

The Diocesan Synodal group are working away to ready themselves and in time our parishes, for the synodal process. We will have three phases in this process in Ossory.

First Phase (February – March) In these months we will create awareness of Synod/synodality throughout the Diocese.

Second Phase Lent (March, April) During our "Listening Lent" we will have consultation sessions in all our parishes and Pastoral Areas to ensure that the voices of all in Ossory are heard.

Third Phase (April, May) During Easter the Synod Group will collate all these responses (what has been heard) to share with the bishop and each other.

Safeguarding Concerns If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

Diocesan Designated Persons

Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 8021633

safeguarding@ossory.ie

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or

Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330

Garda National Protective Services 01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302

Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:

Brigid Cassin Begley and Ray O'Carroll. Contact them through the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society. To contact the local Society call **086 2664669**.

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services.

For more information contact MABS on: www.mabs.ie or call MABS on 0761 072610.

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service

01 505 3028

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