

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th March 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13th March 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
	Wednesday 16 th Mass	19.00 hours
	Thursday 17 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Thursday 17 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Friday 18 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Friday 18 th Wedding Mass	13.30 hours
	Saturday 19 th Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

The **Sacrament of Forgiveness and Reconciliation** is available after Mass on Saturday evening.

Mong	Tuesday 15 th Mass	19.00 hours
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Deaths and anniversaries: Marcella Townsend, Friars Hill & Rose Morrissey, Station Road recently deceased; Maura Roche Minogue, Newtown Tce Month's Mind (6pm Mass); Toddy Cassin, Boher (6pm Mass); Ned Nevin, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); Paddy Doyle (10am Mass); Kathleen (Kit) Behan, Cloghabrody, May Behan and all the deceased members of the Behan Family (11.30am Mass); Bridget Ryan, Stoneyford; Patrick & Emily Morrissey, Ladywell; Jim Challoner, Dangan Tce; James & Joan O'Neill, Grennan; Paddy & Mary Greene, Pleberstown; John & Margaret Dempsey, Ballyhale. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Michael O'Reilly, Bridge Brook Arms, T.J. McCarron, Low St & Red Mills Cavan & Fr. Peter Orr, Edinburgh (11.30am Mass).

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration on Tuesday from 6.30pm for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life ending with rosary at 7.30pm. All welcome.

First Confessions, for the children preparing for First Communion in May, are taking place these days. Parents/guardians bring them to the Church at an arranged time, usually after school.

'Kings of Kilburn High Road', written by Jimmy Murphy: Live theatre returns to Thomastown Community Centre on 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th March, nightly at 8pm. Admission €12, with complimentary tea and coffee.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Collection next weekend on your way into Mass. To contact the local Society call **086 2664669**.

🎵 Songs For Peace Presented by Thomastown Folk choir. For solidarity with Ukraine. At the Church of the Assumption Thomastown on Wed 16th March at 8pm, after the Vigil Mass. Donations welcome on the night. Please support us so we can help to support them.

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.



The initial round of Synodal meetings are taking place in 14 centres throughout the Diocese during March, beginning each evening at 7.30pm.. You are welcome to attend any of the Centres, while the nearest to us in Thomastown are:

Monday, 14 March 2022 in Kilkenny at St Kieran's College
Wednesday, 23 March 2022 in Thomastown at Thomastown Hall
Thursday, 31 March 2022 in Kilkenny at St Patrick's Centre Loughboy.

Dates of Passover & Easter: At the council of Nicaea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday April 17th 2022 is the Feast of Easter. Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian Reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days from the calendar and this discrepancy, now thirteen days, between the Julian and Gregorian calendars results often in a difference in the date for Easter in East and West as they follow the two calendars. This happens in 2022 when the date for Easter for Eastern Christians is Sunday April 24th. The Feast of Passover is a seven day Feast, beginning at sundown on the evening of April 15th 2022 (14 Nisan 5782).

'An unquenchable longing' All of us can experience moments of great joy because in His goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart. What we long for is a permanent state of happiness but that is unattainable here. So what must we do? Like desert travellers we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey. This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquestionable longing in our soul.