

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
20th March 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20th March 2022.

Parish Church	Sunday 20 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 20 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 21 st Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday 21 st Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 23 rd Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Friday 25 th Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Saturday 26 th Baptism	16.00 hours
	Saturday 26 th Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

Deaths and anniversaries: Gobnait Murphy (10.00am Mass); **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridge Brook Arms (11.30am Mass); **T. J. McCarron**, Low St & Red Mills, Cavan (11.30am Mass); **Fr. Peter Orr**, Edinburgh (11.30am Mass); **Cha & John Whelan**, Jerpoint Church; **Edmond Forristal**, Jerpoint Church; **Lizzie & Danny Challoner**, Newtown Tce; **Patrick Lannon**, Station Road; **Josie Dack**, Cloghbrody: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Rene Kelly & Mickey Kelly, Kilfane (6.00pm Mass); **Mary Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6.00pm Mass).

Awareness of the divine begins with wonder. Moses was filled with wonder at the sight of a bush on fire which wasn't consumed by that fire. However, it's easy to wonder at something unusual such as that. Even a fool wonders at the unusual. It takes a wise person to wonder at the usual. This is our problem. We long for visions but seldom watch the sunset.

Most of us find it difficult to recognise the greatness and wonder of things familiar to us, the 'miracles' which are daily with us. The root of worship lies in a sense of these miracles. Awe and wonder can be caused by small things. A grain of sand or a leaf or a snowflake can suffice.

It's a poor faith that needs miracles to sustain it. Those who are attuned to God do not need miracles. They are conscious of living in a world which is sustained by His power and every part of which speaks of Him.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds a Church door collection this weekend. To contact the local Society call **086 2664669**.

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. Tel: 0818 072610.

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP: CAN YOU DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED? SATURDAY MARCH 26TH 1pm- 3pm **Kilkenny Presbyterian Church Car Park, 16 New Road** Can you help us to gather much-needed essential items for vulnerable mothers and babies? Every item donated will go directly to a family in need, including refugees and those in homelessness. Thank you for your support. For more information see: www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/

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:

Wednesday, 23 March 2022 in Thomastown at Thomastown Hall

Thursday, 31 March 2022 in Kilkenny at St Patrick's Centre Loughboy.

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 Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service

01 505 3028

www.towardspeace.ie