

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th March 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 6th March 2022.

Parish Church	Sunday 6 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 6 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 7 th Funeral Mass	11.00 hours
	Monday 7 th Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 9 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: Josie Ryan, Bonnybrook & **Fr. John Delaney**, Coon who died recently; **Roly Collier**, Friarshill & his Mother **Alice Collier** (6pm Mass); **Patty Ryan**, Friarshill; **Greg Hoban**, Clossgregg; **Michael Doyle**, Legan; **Christy Kirby**, Dangan Tce; **Patrick & Mary Kavanagh & their son Patrick**, Ballyconway: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Month's Mind: Maura Roche Minogue, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass);

Toddy Cassin, Boher (6pm Mass); **Ned Nevin**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Paddy Doyle** (10am Mass); **Kathleen (Kit) Behan & May Behan** & all deceased members of the Behan Family (11.30am Mass).

Le Chéile: are back after a long break and will meet at Thomastown Community Hall on Saturday March 12th at 7.30pm. Family friendly gathering, all welcome.

'As we were', Joe Dunphy's new book, will be going to print soon. Watch this space.

Lenten dues: A gentle reminder that the Lenten Dues – for the income of the priest – are due now. If you haven't got a parish envelope for your contribution, contact the Office on Tuesday or Friday, or simply place your contribution in an envelope with your name and address. Your support is greatly appreciated.

150th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. John of God A liturgical celebration is planned to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. John of God and to enable us to give thanks for the service and ministry the Sisters and their collaborators have provided in the Diocese of Ossory. Throughout the years the Sisters have ministered in a number of parishes in our diocese and have provided all parishes and religious houses with Altar Breads. The celebration will take place at St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny (R95 DK88) at **5.30pm on Thursday, 10th March 2022** and will be followed by refreshments in the

adjoining Parish Centre. All those who would like to recognise and give thanks for the work of the Sisters are invited to attend.

St Mary's Cathedral Gift and Bookshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am-5pm. The shop has a wide range of books and gifts suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion children: bibles and rosaries, prayerbooks all suitable for young people.

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will begin its review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory on March 21st. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in *Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016*. The diocese was last reviewed in 2013 and this report was published on the diocesan website in the safeguarding section. To know more about safeguarding look at the Safeguarding section on www.ossory.ie.

The BATH from St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, may be the perfect fit for undecided students. This degree programme provides a solid intellectual formation in Theology plus two other Arts subjects. The BATH is a three-year, level 8, full-time, honours degree course comprising Theology and Arts subjects. The Theology Courses are taught in the Faculty of Theology of St Patrick's Pontifical University, while the Arts subjects are taught in Maynooth University (MU). BATH Students don't have to be religious - just open to life's big questions, want to make a difference to their lives and the world they live in and often have an interest in history, people, society, culture, humanity.

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 will take place in 14 centres throughout the Diocese during March, beginning next Monday. You are welcome to attend any of the Centres, while the nearest to us in Thomastown are

Monday 7th March 2022 Kilkenny St Kieran's College

Wednesday, 9 March 2022 in Callan at Callan Hall

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