

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Baptisms	15.00 and 16.00 hours
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Christy Lanigan, Cloughabrody Heights, died recently; Josephine Ryan, Bonnybrook, (6pm Mass); Hannah Lily Roche, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); Jack Cahill and Anne Grey (6pm Mass); Nora Morrissey, Coolroemore; Mary Walsh, Powerswood; John Prendergast (Mass 4<sup>th</sup> April); Martin and Nellie O'Hara, Ballylinch and Cloughabrody; Mary and Pat Hanrahan, Powerswood; Bridie Cahill, Smithstown; Jimmy Walsh, Cappagh; Mary O'Leary, Pleberstown and London; Eileen, Neddy and John Dempsey, Chapel Hill; Dick Brennan, Powerswood; Larry and Mark Butler, Castle Avenue. May they rest in peace.

**Masses next week:** Jim Lannon, Dangan Terrace (6pm); Johnny (Riordan) Kelly, Maudlin St. (6pm); Fr. Toddy Prendergast (10am Mass); Rose Morrissey, Station Road (11.30am).

**Reconciliation:** One of the greetings as people receive ashes on Ash Wednesday is 'Give up your sins and be faithful to the Gospel. At Mass next Saturday evening, the vigil Mass for Palm Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Give peace a chance:** A socio-drama for Peace, Healing & Hope: Come and see this creative approach in action while helping to raise funds for Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 4.30pm at Thomastown Community Centre. Masks encouraged but not mandatory.

**Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico** "When I am Lifted up from the Earth" The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a Free of Charge online retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3DWrTkx> to register/find out more.

**Anam Cara Waterford** is hosting a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7:15pm in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** The telephone number of the Thomastown St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone who wishes to contact the Society.

**Parish Newsletter by email...** Please drop an email request to [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) if you are interested. Otherwise you can find it on the website.

**A Trocaire reminder:** Far from the media spotlight this Lent, families like Thandekiolo's in Zimbabwe are going days without eating, grieving with no one noticing, and their futures hang in the balance. The message of your Trocaire Boxes this Lent is that the chance at a better tomorrow shouldn't be lost because of forgotten crises from Covid to poverty to climate change that are taking a terrible toll on families worldwide. Please, if you're able, return your Trocaire Box either to the Parish or directly to Trocaire on Holy Week and let your love be a lifeline. Or donate on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by calling 1800 408 408. Thank you for the light you bring.

**Our Bishops welcome the full return to public worship** at their spring meeting in Maynooth recently. They said, "As the remaining Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, it is encouraging to see a return to full public worship in our parishes, and the resumption of all aspects of Church and community life. At the heart of the life of our parish communities is the Sunday Mass. *When we gather for the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, we do so to express our joy in the Risen Lord and to unite with our brothers and sisters in the Church in thanksgiving and praise to God. This is a communal celebration which shapes us as a community of faith, life and charity.* "During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together. From Easter Sunday, 17 April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better."



The initial listening groups throughout the Diocese finish on Monday with a meeting in Ballyragget at 7.30pm. If you haven't taken the opportunity to participate, do please get on to [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie), and click on 'The Synod in Ossory'. That will open for you the Synodal Survey. This raises a few topics and invites responses from you. Have a look.