

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Parish Church	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Holy Thursday Mass	19.00 hours
	Good Friday Liturgy	15.00 hours
	Stations of the Cross	19.00 hours
	Sacrament of Forgiveness	20.00 hours
	Holy Saturday Blessing of Food	11.00 hours
	Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	20.00 hours

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

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Jim Lannon, 26 Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); Johnny (Riordan) Kelly, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); Gerard McEvoy, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass); Fr. Toddy Prendergast (10am Mass); Rose Morrissey, Station Road Month's Mind (11.30am Mass); Daisy & Patrick Murphy, The Courthouse, Logan St; Margaret O'Reilly, Newhouse; Michael Maher, Tullaroan; John & Mary Challoner, Newtown Tce: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversaries next weekend:** Billy & Nellie O'Reilly, Market St (6pm Mass); Gerry Minogue, 15 Newtown Tce, ( 6pm mass); John & Martha Darcy Waterford(6pm Mass); Martin Morrissey, Station Road (11.30am Mass).

**The Chrism Mass**, when the oils to be used throughout the Diocese for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination to Priesthood are blessed, will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kilkenny on Wednesday at 7.30pm. You would be very welcome there.

**The Parish Office** will be closed on Good Friday and will resume on Tuesday of Easter Week.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association:** Shop open Holy Thursday but will remain closed Good Friday.

### Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico "When I am Lifted up from the Earth"

The Priory Institute offers 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/3DWrTxx> 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. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Congratulations** to Thomastown United Under 16 Schoolboys who are League Champions. Well done!!  
And **congratulations** too to Leinster Champions Grennan College/Scoil Aireagail.

Thomastown Folk Choir's evening of music and song called **Songs for Peace** in response to the war in Ukraine and in Solidarity with its people was attended by Alina Piskaryova and her family and friends who had recently fled Kyiv. Alina, resident in Thomastown for the last 6 years spoke about her beloved Ukraine and what life is like for her family still living there. On the night the Choir raised €2,215.50 and are grateful. If you missed it you can still catch it on our YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPZF8nGMrZw>

**Parishioners are agents of God's love through the Trocaire Boxes this Lent.** In 2022 so many around the world still suffer, with Covid, failed crops, floods, droughts, the Ukraine war. This year the Pope tells us that we find the hope that lies in action. He writes 'each year we are reminded that goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all, they have to be realised each day'. We are each and together 'the real heroes who come to light these days'. In returning the **Trocaire Boxes** for Easter you are an agent of God's love: and in giving to protect Trocaire's work for families in over twenty countries worldwide, you are ensuring that the light of hope will never die.

**Our Bishops welcomed 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.* "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."



If you haven't taken the opportunity to participate in the Synodal Listening process, 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.