

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17th April

Parish Church	Sunday 17 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 17 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Sunday Baptism	12.30 hours
	Monday 18 th Funeral Mass	11.00 hours
	Wednesday 20 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 22 nd Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 23 rd Baptism	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: **Mary Hayes**, Bawnskeha, died Friday; **Jim Phelan**, The Quay (8pm Mass); **Billy & Nellie O'Reilly**, Market St (8pm Mass); **Martin Morrissey**, Station Road (11.30am Mass); **Teresa Hennessy**, Low St (11.30am Mass); **Gerry Minogue**, 15 Newtown Tce; **John & Martha Darcy**, Waterford; **Johnny Walsh**, Cappagh & UK; **Jack & Alice Norris**, Danesrath; **Richard & Ann Butler**, Mount Juliet; **John Walsh**, Kilvinogue; **Tom Brien**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Bridget & Martin Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey; **George Whelan**, 13 Dangan Tce; **Paddy Woods**, Jerpoint Hill; **Paddy Heafey**, Castle Ave; **Jimmy Holden**, Graiguenamanagh: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Patsy Bolger**, (6pm Mass); **David O'Neill**, Kilkenny & Castle Ave (11.30am Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (11.30am Mass); **John Dalton**, Dangan Tce (11.30am Mass); **Edward Holohan**, Oldtown (11.30am Mass); **Deceased Members of Thomastown Senior Citizens Association** (11.30am Mass).

Foreign coins often turn up on our **collection** plates, and we all have them from our visits to the US or UK or other places where they don't use the Euro. We'll have a special box in Church next weekend, and we ask you to bring the foreign currencies. We will get them to Unicef, where they will welcome them for Ukraine.

Trocaire: Don't forget to return your contributions to Trocaire asap, please. Bring them to Mass, outside Mass put them into the letter box at the Sacristy, leave them to the Parish Office, or send them directly to Trocaire.

Easter Offerings: Thanks to all who have made contributions to the Easter Offerings and to the Weekly collections. The Easter Offerings, taken up in the parishes of the Diocese, are to provide an income for the priests of the Diocese. The Weekly collections meet any capital expenses we incur. You may like to make your contributions via the **DONATE** button on the website, especially if you haven't got an envelope from the Office.

The Donate Button on the Parish website on the Home Page can also be used to make other financial contributions to the Parish. Check it out.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration in the Mercy Chapel on Thursday evening from 6.30pm ending with rosary for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Our Lady of Zarvanytsia: in 1240 Kyiv was being attacked by invaders. Some monks fled to the west of Ukraine. One of them, exhausted and traumatised, slept at a place called Zarvanytsia, and in his sleep saw and was given an icon of Our Lady. There was a church built on the site and it became a place of pilgrimage. It continues to be a place of pilgrimage for Ukrainians, and the place and the icon has been a place of memory, identity and renewal. During soviet times the Church there was turned into a warehouse, the spring of water became a dump, surrounded by barbed wire. The collapse of the soviet regime saw the restoration of the place of pilgrimage, and it has become one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Ukraine. We pray that Our Lady of Zarvanytsia will offer to the people of Ukraine, those at home still and those scattered throughout Europe, protection, identity, and a return soon to peace. Cards, with the icon and a prayer of Pope John Paul II for Ukraine, are available at the Church door.

On Easter Day we still feel pain, our own pain and the pain of others. But a new element has been introduced. It doesn't remove the pain, but gives it a meaning, and lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us, and a deep sense of peace. Jesus has broken the power of death, and given us the hope of eternal life. Lord, guard this hope with your grace, and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven.

Happy Easter!! Buona Pasqua!! Frohe Ostern!! Maligayang Pasko!!

Easter Ashamsakal!! Fu huo jie kuai le!! Joyeuses Paques!!

Wesolych swiat wielkanocnych!! Beannachtaí na Casca!! Shchaslyvoho Velykodnya!!

