

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday First Communion Mass	11.00 hours
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

**Mong** Thursday Mass 19.30 hours

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Donal Whelan**, London and formerly Newtown, who died in London on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and his niece **Kim Byerley Paden**, who died in Texas, US last week also; **Pat Roche**, Logan St (6pm Mass); **Joe Maher**, Castleknock (6pm Mass); **Delia Roche**, Grennan (10am Mass); **Richard & Andy Forristal**, Ballyconway (11.30am Mass); **Lena Gammie, nee Byrne**, Kent, UK & formerly Newtown Tce (9.20am Mass Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>); **James & Bridget Brennan**, Powerswood; **Paddy Carroll**, Ladywell; **Paddy Kennedy & deceased members of the Kennedy family**; **Biddy Kavanagh**, Jerpont Hill; **Deceased members of the Fennelly Family**, Jerpont Church: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Masses next weekend:** **Margaret Beck**, formerly Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Marie Woods**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Danny McPherson**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Niall Walsh**, Station Rd (11.30am Mass).

**First Communion 2022 next weekend:** Ava Begley, Shane Bookle, Ryan Brannigan, Dara Brennan, Chloe Brennan, Joshua Brennan Burke, Jamie Kelly, Elsie Byrne, Mason Cahill, Eoin Coffey, Amelia Coleman, Annie Conway, Stevie Cotter, Joey Daly, Leanne Davis, Erin Dempsey, Alisha Farrell, Laura Mai Forristal, Megan Heafey, Keira Hobson-Shaw, Kate Hoyne, Olek Hulisz, Zofia Hulisz, Ryan John, Nicole Kavanagh, Ruan Leadbetter, Theo Lee Ryan, Jessica Mackey, Rosie Madigan, Aidan McCaul, Cynthia Murphy, Donnacha O'Carroll, Ryan Phelan, Leon Phelan, Lewis Redmond, Isobel Ridout, Paul Óg Ryan, Lile Ryan, Lucy Tennyson, Henry Tomal, Ellen Walsh, Gerard Walsh, Craig Walshe.

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St. Colmcille's Catholic Church Inistioge, there will be an open talk on **The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** - The Movement of Grace, with John Sullivan. It's an opportunity to deepen our love for Mary during the month of May. **Rosary in honour of our Lady of Fatima** will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 pm in Inistioge parish church. All welcome.

**Thank you:** you contributed €270 to the recent church gate Epilepsy collection.

**Pilgrimage to Oberammergau** Fr Liam Morgan, PP Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dates of travel are Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Price €1890 per person sharing includes return flights, private transfers, walking tours of Kitzbuhel and Salzburg, half board accommodation and tickets to the play. Contact Tullys Travel for more information by calling 059-9136100.

**ALONE** is a national organisation that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish. We work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties. Please see the volunteer section of the website <https://alone.ie/what-we-do/>. If you are an older person who would like to learn more about this service, please call ALONE's National Support Line on 0818 222 024. Available seven days a week from 8am – 8pm. ALONE's Visitation Support & Befriending Service matches older people who would like additional social contact with volunteer who provide companionship through a weekly visit. We work with a number of older people in the local area who would like for someone to visit them. Are you that someone? If you would like to volunteer with ALONE and complete this on line expression of interest form and we will be in touch <https://www.tfaforms.com/4890717> or email [emma.heslin@alone.ie](mailto:emma.heslin@alone.ie)

**The South Historical Society** has organised a coach trip to visit Soloheadbeg, Kilfeacle and Dan Breen's homestead on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of the trip for members is €60 (€65 for non-members) which includes coach hire, guides and evening meal in Cahir House Hotel. The coach will depart from Mullinavat at 8am, returning at approximately 9pm. Please contact Brigid Barron (087 9507295, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan (086 3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)) for more details and bookings.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

### PRAYER TO DISCOVER YOUR CALLING IN LIFE

*Lord, You formed me in my mother's womb and have loved me into being.*

*You have made me to know you, To love you, and to serve you,*

*And thereby to find and fulfil myself.*

*Since I will do what you want of me, I ask that you send your Holy Spirit to me;*

*that I may discern what you want of me*

*and that I may have the courage to follow the path you are calling me to follow*

*And to follow it with all my love, with all my mind,*

*And with all my strength, right to the end. Amen.*