

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15th May

Parish Church	Sunday 15 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 15 th Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 16 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 18 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 20 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 21 st Wedding	13.00 hours
	Saturday 21 st Mass	18.00 hours

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after Saturday evening Mass or any other time on request.

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

Chapel Hill Thursday Mass 19.30 hours

Deaths and anniversaries: Mary Hayes, Baunskeha Month's Mind (11.30am Mass); **Margaret Beck**, Ladywell & California (6pm Mass); **Marie Woods**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Danny McPherson** Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Siobhán Stapleton**, Kilfane (6pm Mass); **Niall Walsh**, Station Road (11.30am Mass): May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversaries next weekend: Kathleen Grace Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Joe Murray**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Jack Lanigan**, Badger Rock (6pm Mass); **Ellen (Ellie) Roche**, Jerpoint Church (11.30am Mass).

First Communion 2022: 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.

Welcome to the Lord's Table, and to communion with Jesus and his people. Thank you to parents / guardians, wider family, and teachers, as you accompany the girls and boys on the journey of faith. As you support the children in so many ways, please continue to support them in this way also.

Online Theology Open Evening, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click [here](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday 18th May 7pm. This is the link to register for the Online Open Evening <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening>

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 5th August to Friday 12th 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.

What's in a name? Names are important in Christian terms. We ask at Baptism that at least one of the names chosen be that of a Christian saint, and we ask at Confirmation that a saint's name be chosen also. Saints are chosen because they have lived good lives. They have been faithful followers of Jesus, and their example provides us with good role models. They will also, we believe, act as intercessors – putting in a good word for us with God.

This weekend several people will be canonised – sainted – in Rome. Pope Francis will canonise **Charles De Foucauld**. He was French, a member of the French Foreign Legion, an explorer and cartographer of the Sahara Desert. He had a conversion experience, became a priest and hermit in the Sahara Desert, living a life of prayer, a 'brother' to the native Moslems. He was killed by bandits on 1st December 1916.

Devasahayam Pillai, a Brahmin in India, became a Catholic, and took the name **Lazarus**. He insisted on the equality of all people, despite caste differences. He was shot in 1749.

Cesar de Bus lived in France and was a catechist.

Luigi Maria Palazzolo, an Italian parish priest, dedicated his life to abandoned, orphaned, and neglected children. He died in 1886.

Giustino Maria Russolillo lived in the last century and founded a religious congregation which encouraged and supported those discerning a call to religious life and priesthood.

Maria Francesca di Gesu was an Italian religious sister. She went to Uruguay and Argentina as a missionary, beginning a mission in the rain forest. She died in 1904.

Maria Domenica Mantovani founded a group of religious women, who are still dedicated to serving children and youth, families, priests, the elderly and the disabled in parishes.

We can see how there are role models in that group of new saints. Befriend one of them and he or she would put in a good word for us with God.

Where love begins:

It's easy to love at a distance, but not so easy to love at close quarters.

It's easier to give a few pounds to relieve famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door.

It's easy to love people who are far away but not always easy to love those close at hand.

Yet these are the people Jesus asks us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us.

That is where our love must start.

But, of course it doesn't have to end there.

And it shouldn't.

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