

**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.30 hours
	Baptism	12.20 hours
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday Wedding Mass	14.00 hours
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	19.00 hours
	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass	18.00 hours

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

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount (11.30am Mass); **Stasia & Michael Collins**, Norelands; **Bridget Power & Michael Power**, Grennan: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversaries next weekend:** **Fr. Jim Cassin** (10am Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe St (10am Mass); **Paul Forristal**, Maudlin Court (11.30am Mass).

**The First Friday** Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Dan at 0876644858, or the Office on Tuesday or Friday - 7793191.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** invites everyone to a celebration for Fr Dan Bollard's Golden Jubilee. All are most welcome to attend and share in this special occasion for Fr. Dan, his family, friends, and the parish of Thomastown. Bishop Denis Nulty, our Apostolic Administrator, and his fellow priests will concelebrate Mass at 7pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Parish Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Mary's National School. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you. Fr Dan would very much like your presence rather than presents on this occasion. However, if you wish to make a donation to charity Fr Dan has nominated The Friends of St. Columba's Hospital. A collection box will be available.

**The Men's Rosary** will take place next Saturday at the statue of Our Lady at James' Green in Kilkenny – near the Cathedral. For further information contact Ron at 086 6696632 or Paul at 087 3650492.

**Thomastown Scout Group** are having a Coffee Morning and Bric-a-Brac Sale in the Scout Den on Saturday June 04, 2022, from 11am to 3 pm. All are welcome. This event is to raise money to send a Scout Team (14- and 15-years olds) to the National Scouting Skills Competition in Limerick in August.

**Congratulations** to Peter McDonald our Thomastown Under 20 All-Ireland medal winner, who delivered the goods for Kilkenny last Sunday in Thurles, depriving Limerick of the honours.

**Congratulations** too to our Sixth-Class teacher David Herrity who manages Kildare hurlers and led them to victory over Mayo in the Christy Ring Cup last weekend also.

**Good wishes** to Thomastown United A who contest with Evergreen in the McCalmont Cup Final at Derdimus at 3pm on Sunday.

**Good wishes** too to Kilkenny as our boys line out against Galway in the Leinster Final on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, after our 6pm Mass. A very exciting prospect!!

This is the time when **second level schools** finish their year's work while some scholars await Junior and Leaving certificate exams. We wish you all well. Fr. Dan attended a wonderful **Prizegiving** evening in Grennan College last Wednesday and was very impressed by the array categories of subjects and life skills in which so many of the students of Grennan College 2021-2022 excelled.

**Matt Talbot Prayer Society.** Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?

Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit [www.matttalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.matttalbotprayersociety.com) or contact [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) ROI (048) 71262894

*After seeing Jesus ascend into Heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem with joy. Why the joy? Because they were now convinced that their beloved Jesus was alive. So, their hearts burned with joy. All this shows the goodness of God who makes our deepest dreams come true in the most surprising of ways. He makes all things work for the good of those who place their trust in Him. He brings good out of evil, life out of death and glory out of pain and suffering.*

*There are times in life when we may find ourselves going down a sad and lonely road. We must remember that we are not alone. The risen Lord journeys with us. And He knows all about human suffering. He is so close to us that our stories merge with His. It is only His story – glory achieved through suffering and death – that helps us to make sense of our own story. The resurrection and ascension of Jesus open all our stories to the prospect, not just of a good ending but of a glorious ending.*

*This Feast is as much about us as about Jesus. His ascension shows the goal of our earthly journey. It is a goal and a destiny which defies even our imagination. It gives an eternal dimension to our lives.*

*We live in the hope that the words of Jesus will come true for us: 'Where I am, you too shall be'. Meanwhile we have a task to do: to preach the Good News and to be His witnesses in the world. Flor McCarthy.*