

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.30 hours
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Mass	19.30 hours
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>Confirmation Ceremony</b>	10.30 hours
	Saturday Vigil 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.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Margaret Kelly, Station Road, recently deceased; Anne Forristal, Castle Ave, (Month's Mind Mass 6pm); John Maher, Durrow & deceased Members of the Maher Family (6pm Mass); Joe Comerford, Burrellspark (10am Mass); Sr. Ligouri, formerly St. Columba's Hospital; Angela O'Reilly, Kilkenny Road; Maureen & Donal Cullinane, Clonakilty. Memorial Mass and burial of ashes of John & Mary Canavan (11.00am Monday): May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversaries next weekend:** Esther, Jack & Brohna Woods (6pm Mass); Paddy Ryan, Legan (10am Mass).

**Confirmation 2022:** Candidates for Confirmation this year are: Christopher Abbott; Jade Barcoe Davis; Ruby Bay Hammond; Zoe Beck; Katie Begley; Keena Begley; Timmy Bookle; Seán Butler; Katie Butler; John Clifford; Kayleigh Conway; Keisha Conway; Max Corrway; Ella Daly; Tara Doyle O'Neill; Brian Dunne; Aoibhínn Farrell; Andrew Forristal; Conor Frommann; Clodagh Galway; Taylor Greene; Xavier Grogan; Eileen Hanton; Violet Hargreaves; Shauna Hayes; Grace Hickey; Archie Kavanagh; Lilah Kiely; Ronan Loughman; Eoghan Lynch; Tommy Madigan; Aoife Manning; Daragh McGuinness; Adam Minogue; Órla Murphy; Ben Murphy; Emer Murphy; Cian Murphy; Brigid Murray; Kayleigh Murray Barcoe; Ajay Nolan; Nathan Noonan O'Hara; Mikey O'Brien; Danny O'Neill; Ryan Phelan; Kaya Redmond; Fionn Ryan; Eoin Ryan; Conor Scanlon; Isaac Sheridan; Darragh Sinnott; Finn Spence; Ray Van Rooyen; Hannah Walpole; Amber Walsh; Stacie Walsh; Jack Walsh; Carly Walshe Murray; Rosa Wemyss.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** takes place on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**Trocaire:** Thanks to all who contributed to the Lenten collection for Trocaire: €2,710.00 has been forwarded on your behalf.

**Ms. Breda Kenny** has been sacristan at the Parish Church for many years. Unfortunately, health has necessitated her retirement. Thank you Breda for those years and your gentle presence around the Church. We wish you good health in the years ahead.  
**Tom Walsh**, The Belfry, has accepted the challenge of being sacristan and we must be grateful to him for accepting this responsibility.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will hold Adoration at the Mercy Chapel on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm ending with Rosary at 7.30pm for Vocations to priesthood and religious life. All welcome.

Our annual **Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Saturday **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Bus leaving Market St at 7.30am. Booking essential. Contact Marian: 086-0693510.

**Tidy Towns:** Volunteers are needed to take part in the Nore visions invasive alien clearing training against the Himalayan Balsam along the riverbanks of the Nore. Training takes place on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Weir Pool, Thomastown. With your help we will give the Himalayan Balsam along the river a good bash! This training will empower all the volunteers to survey, control and share the efforts with the National Biodiversity Data Centre: Enquiries: 087-7728170.

**Fr. Dan's Golden Jubilee:** a word of thanks to all of you for your good wishes, to Bishop Nulty for joining us for Mass on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, to the Parish Pastoral Council who organised everything, to all who had roles in the Mass – readers, singers, musicians, servers, stewards, sacristans, and many more. Thanks too to Alan Cullen who prepared food, and to St. Mary's National School who provided the venue for the food. Thanks for your contributions to The Friends of St. Columba's.

The occasion has afforded me the opportunity to see my life so far as a pilgrimage, and I thank God for the all the people who have been fellow pilgrims over the years, some for a short time and others for longer.

Gratitude strikes me as I remember Fr. Jim Cassin and Fr. Denis Treacy. Both of them were ordained in 1972 also but didn't live to see fifty years of ministry. Monsignor Fitzgerald didn't see fifty either and one of those ordained with me, Fr. Eamon Tobin, who ministered in Florida, died on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. So, I consider myself blessed. I also wonder what plans the Lord has for me. The only thing I can conclude is that he isn't finished with me yet. Please God I will be able to respond graciously to whatever he has in store for me. Fr. Dan

*Nowadays, thanks to the security camera,  
We are often being watched,  
Watched by a cold, dispassionate eye,  
Intent only on catching us in wrong-doing.  
The feeling that someone is watching us  
Is not a pleasant feeling.  
But the feeling that someone is watching over us  
Is a lovely feeling.  
God is not watching us.  
God is watching over us.  
The conviction that God is watching over us  
Gives us comfort in times of sadness,  
Strength in times of weakness  
And hope in times of despair.*