

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 3rd

Parish Church	Sunday 3 rd Mass	10.00 hours
	Monday 4 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 6 th Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Friday 8 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday 9 th Wedding	13.00 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: **Nancy Skehan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Teresa Dunne**, Knocktopher (6pm Mass); **Tom Tyrrell**: Month's Mind (10am Mass); **Sheila Treacy**, Ballinamona (10am Mass); **William Walsh**, Cappagh; **Michael Walsh**, Cappagh; **O'Leary Family**, Pleberstown; **Mitchel Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Mary Ryan**, Maudlin St; **Michael Doolan, Canada & Family**, Thomastown: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversaries next weekend: **Margaret Kelly**, Station Road: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Eamon Byrne**, Dangan (6pm Mass); **John Morrissey**, Clossgregg (6pm Mass); **Maura Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (10am Mass); **Rita Kirwan**, San Therése, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass).

Our **Cemetery Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery will be held on Friday 29th July at 8pm. Meanwhile the gates into the Cemetery are being repaired in time for the Mass. The Mass at the Cemetery at St. Columba's Hospital was postponed due to bad weather and will be re-arranged.

The time is extended for Applications which are invited for the position of **part time bookkeeper/office administrator** for the Parish Office. Applicants should have a strong working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and be comfortable working with Surf Accounting package. You will be required to do bank reconciliations, maintain an asset register, issue receipts, record invoices on the Surf system together with all payments and receipts. In addition, the parish will provide training in the Irish Parish System (The central management program in all parishes). Hours and times negotiable. Please email CV to include two referees to thomastown@ossory.ie by 5pm on Thursday 7th July. If you know of someone who might be interested in this post, please draw their attention to it.

July and August weekend Mass times: During these two months of holiday the Masses will be on Saturday at 6pm and on Sunday at 10am. The reasons for the change on Sundays are twofold. We wish to facilitate people who wish to make an early start and we appreciate that there is something important about God's people coming together, rather than having a small congregation at both Sunday Masses.

This is the schedule of weekend Masses in our neighbouring Parishes:

Inistioge: 7.30pm Saturday in The Rower, 9.30am in Clodiagh and 11am in Inistioge.
Tullaherin: 8pm Saturday in Tullaherin and 10.30am in Bennettsbridge.
Graigmanagh: 7.30pm Saturday and 11am; Skeaghvasteen at 9.30am.
Ballyhale: 7.30pm Saturday in Ballyhale, 9am in Knockmoylan, 11am in Knocktopher.
Aghavillar: 6.30pm Saturday in Stoneyford, 8pm Saturday and 10am in Hugginstown

Health Care Assistants required in Thomastown Parish. Full training provided. Flexible hours. Own transport essential. Attractive benefits. Please call Martina in Bluebird Care on 087 1608263 [Call, Text, WhatsApp, Messenger].

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Big Brother Big Sister Youth Mentoring Programme Urgently Requires Volunteers: Have you an hour a week to volunteer to build a friendship with a young person in Kilkenny who needs a little extra support? You will be matched with a young person based on your hobbies, interests and personality. Full training and support will be provided throughout your involvement in the programme. To find out more go to www.foroige.ie/bbbs or contact Kate Carroll, Big Brother Big Sister Programme Officer on 086 068 5200 or kate.carroll@foroige.ie

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation offering a free listening service to the bereaved since 1989. We now need to train a new group of volunteers. A training skills programme will be offered in September/October. For an application form or to know more about our work, please phone 056 7756538 or visit www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Sunday 24th July is designated as **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Read 85 year old Pope Francis' comments on www.catholicbishops.ie We will take a few excerpts over the next few weeks for the Newsletter.

"We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. We should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all, by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. We can become a blessing for those who live next to us.