

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10th

Parish Church	Sunday 10 th Mass	10.00 hours
	Monday 11 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 13 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 15 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Baptism	16.00 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.

Mong Thursday 14th Wedding 13.00 hours

Deaths and anniversaries: Celine Farrell, Pleberstown, and **Mary Pelcot (nee Challoner)**, Paris, recently deceased; **Margaret Kelly**, Station Road Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **John Comerford**, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); **Eamon Byrne**, Dangan (6pm Mass); **John Morrissey**, Clogregg (6pm Mass); **Maura Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (10am Mass); **Rita Kirwan**, San Therése, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass); **Margaret Murray**, Grove Stoneyford; **Mary O'Reilly**, Ladywell St; **Patsy Thomas**, Noreview Crescent; **Patrick (Pa) Kelly**, 42 Newtown Tce; **Annastasia Doyle**, Legan; **James & Margaret Kelly**, Knockbrack; **Declan Roe**, Kilfane East: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Catherine Walshe, Newtown (10am Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The contact number for the Society is 086 266 4669.

Clothing Collection: There will be a Clothes Collection in Grennan GAA on the morning of Saturday the 17th of July organised by the GAA and Camogie Clubs. All clothing accepted except mattresses.

*This week, on Monday, **Saint Benedict** is held up to us for our example. Born in 480, he died in 547ad. He founded the famous monastery at Monte Cassino. He shaped the life of western monasticism and monasteries. What about visiting the beautiful Jerpoint Abbey this week.*

This Weekend's Gospel tells us the story of the Good Samaritan. In the Gospel three people see the wounded man. The first two pass by because they ask the question: 'What will happen to me if I help this man?'

The Samaritan turned their question on its head and asked: 'What will happen to this man if I do not help him?' If I was there that day, which of these questions would I have asked?

Kilkenny Volunteer Centre will be hosting an information stand in Thomastown Library on Tuesday 12th July from 11-1pm.

Come along to find out more about volunteering in your local area without having to make a commitment. All welcome.

W: www.volunteerkilkenny.ie E: info@volunteerkilkenny.ie or Ph: 087 1165658

Sunday 24th July is designated as **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Pope Francis expresses beautiful sentiments for the occasion. Perhaps he looks at the elderly from the vantage point of an 85-year-old. See what you think, whatever your age. What bells does it ring for you?

- "Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life"."
- Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. "The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations". This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents, and elderly persons, to take an active role.
- One fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world. "Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees"; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer alone – not only our own grandchildren but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects. Let us hold in our hearts – like Saint Joseph, who was a loving and attentive father – the little ones of Ukraine, of Afghanistan, of South Sudan...