

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 07<sup>th</sup>

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 hours
	Monday 08 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Wedding	13.00 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.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Benjamin Lumanog**, Manila, Philippines, father of Angie Challoner, recently deceased; **Mary Pelcot (nee Challoner)** Month's Mind (10am Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (10am Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10am Mass); **Michael Walsh** Jerpoint Abbey and his daughters: **Monica Villalard**, Richmond, England and **Una Long**, Perth, Australia; **John Byrne**, Ballylinch; **Robert O'Keeffe**; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversaries next weekend:** **Bobby & Annie Power**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Richard, Mena & John Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass).

**Mysticism in an Age of Calamity:** Meister Eckhart, John Tauler and Henry Suso  
The Priory Institute two week online Summer School will run from 15-26 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Check [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Dag Hammarskjöld** was Secretary General of the UN. He quoted a Swedish poet: 'Will the day ever come when joy is great and sorrow small?' he gave his own answer. 'On the day we feel we are living with a duty, well fulfilled and worth our while, on that day joy is great and we can look on sorrow as being small.'

**Cemetery Mass 2022:** It was good to be able to celebrate the Cemetery Mass at the Cemetery last weekend. Recalling the names of the people who had died in the Parish since our last Cemetery Mass in 2019 recalled memories and faces of people who had, in their lifetimes been vital parts of what living in the area meant. For the family members of all those people, we hope this helped in your grieving for them. May their mortal remains rest in peace as we await the coming of Our Saviour. Thanks to all of you who were able to join us on 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks too for your contributions to our collection – you contributed €2900. This helps to meet the costs incurred in maintaining the Cemetery. This year repairs to the Cemetery gates eat up all that, and more. We are assured that the gates are now in excellent condition and are good for another 100 years. Thanks to Michael Dusty Behan who looked after the Cemetery for the past few years and to Pat Cahill who picks up the baton under the auspices of the Community Employment Scheme. Thanks to all of you who look after your graves, and maybe even one or two of the graves who don't have family members living in the area to maintain them. On the night thanks to our readers, singers, ministers of the Eucharist, and collectors. A special thanks to June Prendergast and Carol Whelan who decorate the altar, and to John Murphy who sets it up. Thanks to Seamus Quigley who kindly brings some chairs from the Community Hall and to Mark Foley who set up the amplification. Last and by no means least thanks to our Undertakers and grave digger Billy Davis who show great kindness, sensitivity, and professionalism when death knocks on our family door.



**Friends of Calcutta**

Clothes Collection Supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No: 13218) on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>. All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains most welcome and can be left in the Church Car Park at any stage that day up to end of collection at 3pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 who will be delighted to arrange a home collection.

**Saint Lawrence** is depicted in the window immediately over the tabernacle in the Parish Church. We know very little about his life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. He was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. A well-known legend has persisted from earliest times. As deacon in Rome, Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. He gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church." The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!" St. Lawrence is remembered on 10<sup>th</sup> August.