

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st August 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21st

Parish Church	Sunday 21 st Mass	10.00 hours
	Sunday Baptism	12.00 hours
	Monday 22 nd Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 24 th Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Friday 26 th Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Saturday Wedding Mass	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: Colin Young, Maudlin St & Paulstown Month's Mind (6pm Mass); Jonathan Hynes, Newtown (6pm Mass); Billy Daly, Castle Ave (10am Mass); Joe Walsh, Low St; Josie Challoner, Dangan Tce; Bobby Grace, Logan St; Jim Minogue, Cloghabrody; Daniel & Mary Kenny, Clossgregg; Thomas & Margaret Begley, 9 Newtown Tce: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversaries next weekend: Michael & Joan Kavanagh, Jerpont Church (6pm Mass).

The annual **St Moling's Well Pattern Mass** in Mullinakill, Tullogher takes place on Sunday 21st August at 2pm. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so you are invited to come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Moling's Well on August 21st.

Thomastown GAA and Camogie Club are holding a **Duck Race** on Sunday 21st August at 2pm as a fundraiser for the club. If not at Mullinakill, go to the Race!!

Another choice this weekend: **South Kilkenny Historical Society** Heritage Week 2022 event: Mystery Tour of Mullinavat on Sunday, August 21st 2022, commencing at 2.30pm in St. Beacon's Church car park, Mullinavat.

Thank you to Ronan Walsh. For the past four years he has looked after the Church grounds, under the auspices of the Community Employment Scheme. His term, extended due to Covid shutdowns, has come to an end. Thank you, Ronan.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place this weekend: **Contact No: 086-2664669.**

Thank you for your support for the Society.

Occasionally visitors give **sterling** – or other currencies – at Mass in Thomastown. Fr. Dan had some Northern Ireland visitors here recently and gave them the sterling which had accumulated over several years. His friends gave it to the Ballymoney Conference of St. Vincent de Paul in Co. Antrim. The President of the Conference wrote this week thanking us for £246.58, worth €293.43. Thank you.

Friends of Calcutta organiser Michael Hopkins wrote to thank you for your support for the clothing appeal last week.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support are running a Training Course for Volunteers commencing Friday 16th September and running for 30 hours over 5 weeks. We have 3 places available on this course. The course will take place in Villa Maria, Talbot's Inch, Kilkenny. If interested, please phone 0567756538 or visit our website www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com for an application form. Closing date: Sept 5th.

Remember the listening sessions in this Diocese and in all the other Dioceses of the country? Well, this week, the synthesis of the Irish reports for next year's **Synod** was released and forwarded to Rome. In it, respondents, both clergy and laypeople, outlined their opinions on a range of issues within the Catholic Church including greater gender equality and more LGBTQ+ inclusion within the Church. They will be considered next year alongside the results from other nations. Do please read the full Irish report on www.catholicbishops.ie. In Rome this and the reports from other countries will be compiled and become the basis for further reflection leading up to the Synod in 2023.

August 27th is the Feast day of Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine. St. Monica was born in 321 AD in Tagaste, which is modern day Algeria. She married a Roman pagan, Patricius. They had three children: Augustine, Navigius and Perpetua. Monica converted her husband and his mother one year before her husband's death. Very intelligent, Augustine wasn't interested in studies. He studied in Carthage, and in Rome and Milan. Monica's big wish was that her son would discover and appreciate the riches of Christianity. In Milan, St. Ambrose influenced Augustine and he embraced Christianity. Augustine later wrote of his mother's influence. Upon her death, Augustine recounted her words, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled". Augustine later became Bishop of Hippo in North Africa. He was one of the important influencers in the development of Christian thought. Monica is a patron of all mothers. Her life teaches us patience and commitment, as well as caring and devotion.

St. Monica Prayer *St. Monica, I need your prayers.*

You know exactly how I'm feeling because you once felt it yourself.

I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair. I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church but I can't do it alone. I need God's help. Please join me in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into my children's lives. Ask the Lord Jesus to soften their hearts, prepare a path for their conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in their lives. Amen.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw: Firstly, the current August Draw concludes the 2021/2022 Draw. Thank you to all who have supported it, to further the renewal of our Diocesan Cathedral. A new 12-month Draw will begin in September, on the last Wednesday of September and of each month. The total subscription is €120 - €10 per month. We ask you to consider supporting the Draw for the coming year.