

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 25th

Parish Church	Sunday 25 th Mass	10.30 hours
	Sunday Baptisms	11.30 hours
	Monday 26 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 28 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 29 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Chapel Hill	Tuesday Mass	19.30hours

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after Saturday evening Mass or any other time on request.

Masses celebrated at the Parish Church are available on webcam and 108fm.

Deaths and anniversaries: Shéamus 'Doc' Costelloe recently deceased; Nancy Carroll, Ladywell (6pm Mass); Mary Fitzsimons, 6 Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); Michael Treacy, Ballinamona; Billy O'Brien, Friarshill; John Kenny, Kiljames; Jim Minogue, Cloghbrody; Mairéad O'Hara, Jackstown: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversaries next weekend: Walter Hayes, Kilkenny & Stoneyford Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); Dorothy Teesdale, Belmore (6pm Mass); Joe Challoner, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); The Barron Family, Wexford (10.30am Mass).

Dates for your diary in 2023: **First Confessions** will take place on Thursday 9th March.

First Communions will take place on Saturday 13th May.

Confirmation will take place on Friday 9th June.

Do this in Memory is part of the Parish preparation for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion. It is an opportunity afforded to families of the children presenting for the Sacraments to be involved in their preparation. Parents / guardians of the children are asked to attend a meeting at the National School on Wednesday at 7pm.

The South Kilkenny Historical Society will hold a lecture on Ireland's entry to the EEC, to mark the 50th anniversary of the referendum to join the union. The speaker is Dr. Eugene Broderick This lecture will take place in Mullinavat Parish Hall on Thursday September 29th and will commence at 8pm. All welcome.

'Let us reflect on the figures of **the three Archangels** whose feast we are celebrating this week. First there is **Michael**. He defends the cause of God's oneness. Michael's other role, according to Scripture, is that of Protector of the People of God (cf. Dn 10: 21; 12: 1).

We meet Archangel **Gabriel** in the precious moment of the annunciation to Mary of the Incarnation (Luke 1: 26-38). Gabriel is the messenger of God's Incarnation. When Gabriel knocks at Mary's door, God himself asks Mary for her "yes" to the proposal to become the Mother of the Redeemer: The Lord knocks again and again at the door of the human heart.

The Angel **Raphael** appears in the Book of Tobit, as the one to whom is entrusted the task of healing. He heals the disturbed communion between a man and a woman. He heals their love. He drives out the demons who repeatedly exhaust and destroy their love. He purifies the atmosphere between the two and gives them the ability to accept each other for ever. In Tobit's account, this healing is recounted with legendary imagery. Secondly, Raphael brings healing to sightless eyes. We all know how threatened we are today by blindness to God. How great is the danger that with all we know of material things and can do with them, we become blind to God's light. Healing this blindness through the message of faith and the witness of love is Raphael's service'. (Pope Benedict)

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw: The total subscription is €120 - €10 per month. The first draw takes place Wednesday 28th, so make sure to be in. Please contact the Parish Office, Murphy Victuallers or Liam Reddy.

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland On Sunday October 9th, the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

A prayer for the Earth

*God our Creator, maker and shaper of all that is, seen and unseen;
You are present in the breath and depth of the whole of creation,
and in the processes that make life possible.*

Yet, we are distracted by the gods of the marketplace.

Our lives have become fractured and fragmented.

*In our brokenness we disturb
the Earth's capacity to hold us.*

*Call us back from the brink. Help us to choose love and not fear,
to change ourselves and not the planet,*

to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable,

and to make a difference today for the life tomorrow.

We make this our prayer in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen

(Martyr Goss, Diocese of Exeter)