

**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup>**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 03 <sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 05 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Friday 07 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 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 are available on webcam and 108fm.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Frank Cullinane and Brendan Fitzpatrick** both of whom were interred this week; **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); **Michael Manning**, Upper Kilmurry & Dublin; **Paud Kavanagh**, Thomastown; **Joe & Ann Challoner**, Newtown Tce : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversaries next weekend:** **Martin Langton**, Kilcullen (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Finan**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Liam Burke**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Johnny Byrne**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass).

A **Month's Mind Mass** for Sister de Lourdes will be held in Thomastown on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Bishop Freeman will be remembered at his Month's Mind Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm.

**St Michael's Prayer Group** for Thomastown/Inistioge will resume each Tuesday night from 8.00 pm until 9.30 in the Mercy Chapel (side chapel, Thomastown Parish Church, entrance at rear, beside toilets). We are restarting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October with Adoration and then Prayer Meeting each Tuesday. All are welcome and bring a friend.

**The First Friday:** Sister Anna will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list, and Fr. Dan will complete the visits next week. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday - 7793191.

**Anam Cara Southeast** is hosting a new monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

***St. Francis' Canticle of Creatures***

*Most High, all-powerful Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour and all blessing. Praised be you, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of You, Most High one.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them, clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through which you give sustenance to your creatures.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.*

*Blessed those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.*

*Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.*

The focus of the **Day for Life** this year is older persons. Our Bishops say: There are many challenges ahead; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities.

We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society.

We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.