

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 09th

Parish Church	Sunday 09 th Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 10 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 12 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 14 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Baptisms	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 are available on webcam and 108fm.

Deaths and anniversaries: **Patrick O'Neill**, Castle Ave, interred during the week; **Eamonn O'Hanrahan**, interred in Tullaherin; **Martin Langton**, Kilcullen (6pm Mass); **Larry Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Finan**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Patrick Barron**, Jerpoint Abbey (6pm Mass); **Liam Burke**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Johnny Byrne**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass); **Noel O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Bridie Farrell**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Lyn Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass); **Josie Beck**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass).

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

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday at 7.30pm.

We will hold Mass each Friday evening of November to remember all who have died, and especially those who died since last November. We will be seeking photographs of those people, so we would really appreciate if you have one for us. Those photographs will be left in the Church for the month. For your deceased of the past year who haven't been members of this parish we would be happy to include in our prayers and like to get a photograph also.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their monthly Church door collection next weekend. To contact the Society call 086-2664669.

A word of thanks to **Fr. Anthony O'Connor** for being available to lead the people of the Parish at weekend Masses these two weekends and to **Fr. Frank Purcell PP** for leading us in a very meaningful funeral service for the late Pat O'Neill RIP.

An Garda Siochana have alerted us to a series of hoax text messages purporting to be from the HSE, currently in circulation among the public and similar to the following: You have been in contact with someone who has the COV-19 Variant. Please follow instructions here (link included) to order a testing kit. These are scam messages. Should you receive such a message please delete it immediately from your phone.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association 44th Birthday Celebrations will take place in the Community Centre on Sunday 16th October at 1 p.m. - Dinner followed by Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa. Lots of Spot prizes. For more information leave your name into the Senior Citizens Shop Community Centre Thursday or Friday 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2022 IS LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND from 2pm on SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER. Speakers include FR. VINCENT STAPLETON, ANTONIA MOFFAT, FR. BRIAN MCKEVITT OP, KATRINA LEYDEN. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at 01-4373277

Public Square Rosary. There will be a Public Rosary in Inistioge Square on Thursday 13th October at 3 o'clock in honour of our Lady of Fatima. Through the most Holy ROSARY we ask our LORD and Our LADY to help restore the Catholic Faith in Ireland, to make reparation for our sins, for PEACE in our world and for all the intentions of those who requested prayers. If the weather is not suitable it will be held in the church. All are welcome and bring a friend.

St. Canice, the patron of the county and city, is remembered on 11th October. He was born in Co. Derry around 527 and died in 603. He was a contemporary and friend of St. Colmcille, with whom he worked in Scotland for some time. Coming home, he founded a Church in Aghaboe – on the road between Roscrea and Ballacolla. This was at one time where the bishop resided. Later the Bishop's centre was moved to the Nore, at Kilkenny – the Church of Canice. This move was made by Bishop Felix O Dulany, who had been a monk of Jerpoint and whose remains are buried in the Church sanctuary there.

Why not visit St. Canice's Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral this week to recall something of the history of our Diocese.

A prayer to St. Canice:

*In honour thou dost rank with Ireland's Enlightener,
O Lover of the Desert, Composer of sacred verse,
Father of Monks and Founder of Monasteries, O Father Cainnech.
Labouring for Christ, both in thy native land and in Scotland,
thou art a tireless intercessor for the faithful.
Pray for us who hymn thee, that despite our frailty we may be granted great mercy.*