

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 16th

Parish Church	Sunday 16 th Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 17 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	15.00-17.00 hours
	Wednesday 19 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 21 st Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Chapel Hill	Wednesday 19 th Mass	19.30 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: Sister de Lourdes Walsh, (Month's Mind Mass 6pm); **Bridie Farrell**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Lynn Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Tom, Mary, and Maggie Barron**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Josie Beck**, Dangan Terrace (10.30am Mass); **Betty Reid**, Logan Street; **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (Mass Wednesday 9.20am). May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Vincent Walsh Powerswood (6pm Saturday); **Mick Condon**, Legan, (6pm Mass); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin Street (6pm Mass).

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. We would be happy to include in our prayers your deceased of the past year who haven't been members of this parish and like to get a photograph also.

Please note that the **Thomastown Camogie Club AGM** will take place on 18th of November @8 pm in the Community Hall. All nominations/motions must be submitted to the secretary of Thomastown Camogie Club by 11th November at Secretary.thomastown.kilkenny@Camogie.ie

Meanwhile, Thomastown Senior Camogie team takes on Dicksboro in the Michael Lyng Motors Hyundai Senior Championship Final in Freshford this weekend. All the best of luck to the girls.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association 44th Birthday Celebrations Happy Birthday, and all the best for the future.

Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). It is believed that Luke was born a Greek, at Antioch in Syria, and a Gentile. Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan.

We have to go to Acts to follow the trail of Luke's Christian ministry. We know nothing about his conversion but looking at the language of Acts we can see where he joined Saint Paul. So Luke first joined Paul's company at Troas at about the year 51 and accompanied him into Macedonia where they travelled first to Samothrace, Neapolis, and finally Philippi. Luke then switches back to the third person which seems to indicate he was not thrown into prison with Paul and that when Paul left Philippi Luke stayed behind to encourage the Church there. Seven years passed before Paul returned to the area on his third missionary journey. In Acts 20:5, the switch to "we" tells us that Luke has left Philippi to rejoin Paul in Troas in 58 where they first met up. They travelled together through Miletus, Tyre, Caesarea, to Jerusalem. Luke is the loyal comrade who stays with Paul when he is imprisoned in Rome about the year 61. Paul writes: "Only Luke is with me" (2 Timothy 4:11).

Luke's inspiration and information for his Gospel and Acts came from his close association with Paul and his companions as he explains in his introduction to the Gospel: "Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:1-3).

Look at the rose window in the Parish Church. The four evangelists are depicted there. St. Luke's sign is the ox. That is because early in his gospel Luke tells of Zechariah going to the temple to offer sacrifice.

Prayer

*I am neither a man of letters nor of science,
but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer.
It is prayer that has saved my life.
Without it I would have lost my reason long ago.
If I did not lose my peace of soul, in the midst of my many trials,
it is because of the peace that came to me through prayer.
One can live several days without food, but not without prayer.
Prayer is the key to each morning, and the lock to each evening.
It is a sacred alliance between God and us.
Let everyone try this experience and they will find
that daily prayer will add something new to their lives,
something which cannot be found elsewhere. (Mahatma Gandhi)*