

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	19.00-21.00 hours
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Baptism	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:** **Mary Maher**, Columbcille & **Billy Whelan**, Noreview Crescent interred during the week; **Frances White**, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Josie & Joe Lannon**, 34 Dangan Tee (6pm Mass); **Unie Kelly (nee Stapleton)**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Peggy Murphy** (nee Stapleton), Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Pat Higginbotham**, Castle Ave; **Sheila O'Hanrahan**, Kiljames House; **Peter O'Hanrahan**, Ashbourne & Kiljames; **Molly Woods**, Jerpoint Hill; **Peg & Paddy Daniels**, Kilmoganny; **Josie Butler**, Pleberstown; **Patrick Butler**, Cloughsregg; **John & Lily Mackey**, Cloughsregg : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Maura Collins**, Knocknaboola (10.30am Mass); **Sean O'Sullivan & Members of the O'Sullivan Family** (10.30am Mass).

**The First Friday** Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Dan at 0876644858, or the Office on Tuesday or Friday - 7793191.

The **Chapter House Bookshop** at St. Mary's Cathedral will be open 5 Days a week (Monday to Friday) starting Monday 28th November up until Christmas. The Shop has a great selection of Nativity Cribs, Christmas Cards, Calendars, and diaries for 2023, also a wide selection of Bibles, Liturgical and spiritual Books. The Bookshop also has a wide selection of Mass Cards and religious Gifts for any occasion.

**Christmas Mass Cards:** a gift for your loved ones and friends at Christmas – a share in a Triduum of Masses. Cards are available at the Parish Office, or at the Church after weekend Masses.

**Calendars:** The Parish Council has produced a Calendar depicting scenes from the Parish. These are a lovely reminder of local scenes, often forgotten, and a lovely gift for people away from home. They will be available after weekend Masses and at Liam Reddy's shop.

The **November Draw for the Cathedral Restoration Fund** takes place on Wednesday. Join at the Parish Office, Liam Reddy or Murphy Virtualisers. €10 per month.

**'The Lonesome West'**, by Martin McDonagh, will be staged by the Fionn Mac Cumhaill Players this Sunday at 8pm at the Concert Hall. admission €10 at the door.

A new Film **Dear Mother**, written and directed by Kevin Hughes will be screened at the Concert Hall on Friday 2nd December at 8pm. This is a free event. The film is set during the Irish Civil War in 1922 and tells the tragic story of John Murphy and John Phelan who were executed on the 29th of December in Stephens Barracks Kilkenny. Both men are buried in Thomastown's old graveyard. Local historian Joe Doyle will introduce the film and give a talk about the executions on the night.

**The annual Christmas Craft Fair** will take place in association with Thomastown Country Market and Community Centre December 3rd and 4th: from 11am to 5pm.

George Fredrick Handel's **Messiah** will be presented on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – a wonderful preparation for Christmas – at the Parish Church. Admission costs €20, with concession at €15. Tickets are available from [www.musicinkilkenny.org](http://www.musicinkilkenny.org) and at the door one hour before the start of each concert unless sold out.

A clothes collection supporting **Friends of Calcutta** (CHY No. 13218 ) on Friday December 2nd. Bags of clothes, footwear, curtains etc welcome. Collection all day in Church Car Park up to 3pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087 9073074 who will be delighted to arrange a home collection if desired. [View Friends of Calcutta Committee in the City of Joy in 2018](#) [View Rajiv Ganguly Sports Tournament 2020](#)

**Advent 2022:** Check [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) for a range of very usable materials for the Advent season, such as Sundays of Advent Booklet, A thought for Each Day Booklet, Godly Plays for Advent, much of which can be downloaded on the website.

**Advent:** *The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.) One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the Lord's coming.*