

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
04th DECEMBER 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 04th

Parish Church	Sunday 04 th Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 05 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	14.00-16.00 hours
	Wednesday 07 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday 7 th Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass	19.00 hours
	Thursday 8 th Immaculate Conception Feast Mass	10.30 hours
	Friday 09 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Baptism	14.00 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: Sean O'Sullivan, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); Eileen O'Mahony, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); Maura Collins, Knocknaboola (10.30am Mass); John Whelan, Jerpont Church (10.30am Mass); Elizabeth & Patrick Fanning, Grennan; Thomas Redmond, Marshes St; William Mackey, Logan St; Thomas Morrissey, Coolroemore; : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Dick Forristal, Colmcille (6pm Mass); Niall Hogan, Ruppá (10.30am Mass).

Do this in Memory: the children for First Communion in 2023 and their families join us next Sunday for Mass. As we invite them more fully to be part of the Sacramental system of our Church, let's support them by our example and prayers.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection next weekend: **Contact No:086-2664669**

The annual **Christmas Dinner** hosted by the Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association will take place on Sunday 18th December, from 12.30pm in the Community Hall. Names are now being taken for dinner bookings in the Shop in Community Hall each Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm.

Helping Others Thomastown is putting out a call for food, clothes or meal vouchers. All gladly received at this time of year. Contact Susan on 087 4305498.

Thank you for the photographs of those who died in the last year. They are at St. Joseph's altar, so do reclaim them, together with a candle in their memory. Thanks too to Bernie Dempsey, Sister Anna and all the members of the Parish Council.

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.

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.

'Nobody's Talking to Me' Vat Pak Drama Group: Play by Tommy Marron: Concert Hall Friday December 9th at 8pm: Admission €10. Proceeds to Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee.

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.

Anam Cara Southeast is hosting a new monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 13th December at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Safeguarding Concerns If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:
Diocesan Designated Persons
Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 8021633
safeguarding@ossory.ie
Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330
Garda National Protective Services

01 6663430/35. Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area
052 617 7302 Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:
Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

'Hope doesn't mean sitting back waiting for things to happen. Hope spurs us into action. It is precisely because we have hope that we work so hard. We believe our efforts are worthwhile, and that they do make a difference. Our strength, our commitment, depends to a great extent on the degree and quality of our hope. 'Hope is just a feeling that this life and work have a meaning'. (Vaclav Havel) Hope is the trust that God will fulfil his promises in his way and in his time. The person of hope lives in the present moment, with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in God's hands. It is the task of Christians to keep hope alive, and to set an example. We must not depend on results, but only on the rightness and truth of the work itself. We thank God for his blessings in the past and ask for or his help for what we must yet achieve. (Flor McCarthy)

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