

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 11th

Parish Church	Sunday 11 th Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 12 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Monday Adoration	14.00-16.00 hours
	Wednesday 14 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Friday 16 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Saturday Wedding Mass	13.00 hours
	Saturday Baptisms	16.00 hours
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Chapel Hill	Thursday Mass	19.00 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: **Dick Forristal**, Columbcille (6pm Mass); **Niall Hogan**, Ruppá (10.30am Mass); **Michael O'Carroll**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **Stephen Ryan**, Stoneyford & nephew **Stephen Ryan**, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway; **Bernie Stapleton**, Maudlin St; **Ned Ryan**, Friarshill; **Patrick & Emily Morrissey**, Ladywell; **Eamonn Morrissey**, London; **Trish Morrissey**, Dunamaggin; **Nancy Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Billy McMahon**, Newtown; **Frances Prendergast**, Killarney; **Sean Ryan**, Bonnybrook (7pm Mass Thursday, Chapel Hill) : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Tom Dack** (Month's Mind Mass 10.30am); **Julia O'Keefe**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Maggie Morrissey**, Clossgregg (6pm Mass).

Mass on Sunday will be celebrated with the girls and boys preparing for First Communion and their families.

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

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

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 'Helping Others Thomastown', and Friends of Calcutta, a big thank you for your generosity. The best part of Christmas is making other people happy!!

Masses at Christmas: Saturday 24th December, Mass at 5pm and 8pm. Sunday 25th December, Masses at 9am and 11am

Community Centre: Don't be alone this Christmas Day. Now in its 6th year, Thomastown Community Centre will be serving **Christmas Dinner** with all the trimmings at 12.30pm. It is mainly for people living alone in the locality who would like to share in the festivities on this special Day. It is very important to let us know if you will be attending. All donations welcome. Contact Seamus at 087-7728170

Don't forget to get a **Parish Calendar**, available at Reddys, the Parish Office, or after weekend Masses. **Christmas Triduum Mass Cards** are also available.

Don't forget George Fredrick Handel's **The Messiah**, to be presented on Sunday 18th December – a wonderful preparation for Christmas – at the Parish Church, at 4pm. Admission costs €20, with concession at €15. Tickets are available from www.musicinkilkenny.org

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday** at 7.30pm for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in the Mercy Chapel. All welcome.

We have set up a new **Thomastown Parish WhatsApp group**. This is to enable Fr. Dan and the Parish Office to share information of interest directly to a large audience. To join, you need to be using WhatsApp already. Open the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below. You may need to install a QR Code scanner app if you have an older smartphone. If you're having trouble, you may be able to ask a friend or relative for assistance. Once scanned, you will be brought directly to the WhatsApp group and invited to **Join Group**. Please note that this is a private group. Only admins of the group can post messages, so your phone won't be beeping with the sound of lots of replies. It's just a handy way to keep informed and you can join or leave at any time.

Thomastown Parish
WhatsApp group



Once a group of salesmen attended a sales convention. The meeting ran late, and they had to run for the train. One of them knocked over a table supporting a basket of apples. While they all kept rushing for the train, he felt sorry and went back to the scene of the accident. He was glad, as he discovered that the young boy who was selling the apples was blind. The salesman began to pick up the apples and noticed that some of them were bruised. He took out his wallet and gave the boy some money, apologising for the incident. As he walked away, the boy called after him, 'Are you Jesus?' Are you Jesus? In a sense he was because he acted like Jesus. So, where is Jesus to be found today? Blest are we, if like Jesus, we can show our faith in deeds of love and mercy. People will encounter Jesus in us.