

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 22nd

Parish Church	Sunday 22 nd Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 23 rd Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday 25 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday 25 th Apostolic Adoration	10-11 hours
	Friday 27 th Mass with 3 rd class and grandparents	09.20 hours
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 hours
Mong	Wednesday 25 th 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: **John Roche**, Friarshill, interred during the week; **Kathleen Cahill**, Smithstown, Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Julia Stapleton**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Mary Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **The Moore Family**, Colmcille & Slough, England (6pm Mass); **Francis O'Neill**, Chapel Lane (10.30am Mass); **J.P. & Brigid Monaghan**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Teresa Doyle**, Noreview Crescent (10.30 am Mass); **Denis Cassin**, Coolroebeag (10.30am Mass); **Edward Walsh**, Cappagh & London; **Jim Delaney**, Newtown Tce; **Pa Kelly**, Newtown Tce; **Paddy Reid**, Logan St; **Martina Galway**, Knockard: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Tom Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **The Roche Family**, Clossgreag (10.30am Mass).

Catholic Schools Week is an annual event throughout Ireland. The theme chosen for this year is '**Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love**'. Catholic Schools Week 2023 will be celebrated in parishes across the island from this Sunday 22 January to Sunday 29 January next.

Speaking ahead of CSW Mr Alan Hynes, chief executive of the Catholic Education Partnership, said, "Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of the contribution that Catholic education has provided to individuals, to society, and to the global common good. Over this special week, students will reflect on their own relationship with God, with their school community, and with their families. Inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, our schools are encouraged to help bring joyful hope to our collective future through a relationship with Jesus."

Baptised into the Family of God recently: Michael David Waugh McCarthy; Fabio Stanley Brophy; James Joseph Heafey; Sonny John Hosback; Bonnie Anne Hosback; Olly Martin Falsey.

Our new Bishop: Born on 25 August 1963 in Letterkenny, Co Donegal, Bishop-elect Coll was ordained a priest on 3 July 1988 for the Diocese of Raphoe, which covers most of Donegal. Over this time, he has taught at second level in Donegal, has lectured in Saint Patricks College Carlow and has served as Professor of Religious Studies and Religious Education, Saint Mary's University College, Belfast. In 2019 he returned to the Diocese and his most recent appointment has been as parish priest of Donegal and Clar.

Bishop-elect Coll's ministry has also included conducting retreats for clergy, and he has contributed to various publications, including *Doctrine and Life*, *The Furrow*, *The Irish Theological Quarterly* and *The Tablet*. In addition, he was the Editorial Director of the Catholic School ethos journal *Le Chéile*.

At Sunday's Ordination Mass, the Chief Ordaining Prelate will be Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin, who will be assisted by Co-Consecrators Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin and outgoing Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, and by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Bishop of Raphoe.

To join the **Ordination Ceremony** of our new Bishop, Niall Coll, at 3pm on this Sunday, if not going to the ceremony, go to www.stmaryscathedral.ie

'God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you dwell in heaven, yet look with compassion on all that is humble. You know all things before they come to be; by your gracious word you have established the plan of your Church.

From the beginning you chose the descendants of Abraham to be your holy nation. You established rulers and priests and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers to serve you. From the creation of the world, you have been pleased to be glorified by those whom you have chosen.

So now pour out upon this chosen one the power that is from you, the governing Spirit whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Spirit given by him to his holy apostles, who founded the Church in every place to be your temple for the unceasing glory and praise of your name.

Father, you know all hearts. You have chosen your servant for the office of bishop. May he be a shepherd to your holy flock, and a high priest blameless in your sight, ministering to you night and day; may he always gain the blessing of your favour and offer the gifts of your holy Church. Through the Spirit who gives the grace of high priesthood grant him the power to forgive sins as you have commanded, to assign ministries as you have decreed, and to loose every bond by the authority which you gave to your apostles. May he be pleasing to you by his gentleness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, through whom glory and power and honour are yours with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, now and for ever. R. Amen.

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Search and Recovery Unit will hold its Church Gate Collection next weekend, 28th and 29th January.

Last, and by no means least, all good wishes to our neighbours, **The Shamrocks**, this weekend as they take on Antrim's Dunloy for All Ireland glory.