

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 29th

Parish Church	Sunday 29 th Mass	10.30 hours
	Monday 30 th Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday 1 st Mass	09.20 hours
	Wednesday Adoration	10.00-11.00 hours
	Thursday 2 nd Mass	19.30 hours
	Friday 3 rd Mass	09.20 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:); **Sr. Mairead Bookle**, Brownsbarn, who died recently; **Margie Kehoe**, Noreview Crescent (6pm Mass); **Tom Grace**, 43 Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Ellen Fitzsimons**, 6 Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Roche Family**, Clossgregg (10.30am Mass); **David Power**, 6 Cloghabrody Heights; **Paula O'Shea**, Cloghabrody Heights; **Brigid McDermot**, Donegal; **Emily Kelly**, London; **Thomas, Elsie, Aggie & all the Kelly Family**, Jerpoint; May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Beebee & Neddy Hogan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Joe Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Leonard Teesdale**, Belmore, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Brohna Woods & deceased Members of the Woods Family** (6pm Mass); **Fr. Leonard Forristal & Pat Forristal** Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Finbarr Phelan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Michael & Barbara Barcoe**, England & Thomastown (6pm Mass); **Kieran Wemyss**, Noreview Crescent: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Delahunty**, Mill St & **John Delahunty**, 35 Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass).

A Month's Mind Mass for Sister Mairead Bookle, formerly of Brownsbarn, who died in England, will be held in the Parish Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

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 - 7793191.

Welcome to Joe Clifford. Joe is our new caretaker at the Church grounds.

St. Mary's National School will cease accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants on Tuesday, 31st January. The number of places being made available in Junior Infants is 56.

Grennan College is working with the Lions Club in Kilkenny, and takes old, broken and used glasses and sunglasses and send them off to be fixed and once they are repaired they will be sent to third world countries and help to give sight to poor and sick people. There is a box for the glasses in the Grennan College school lobby.

Laois Open Door Theatre presents **'It's The Real McCoy'** by Tommy Marren on Saturday February 11th at 8pm at the Concert Hall. Hilarious Comedy! More details on Facebook.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Dates 23 -28 May 2023.

Accommodation will be in the Hotel Agena- €879 per person sharing, and in Hotel Solitude / Padoue - €899 per person sharing

Return bus journey to\from Dublin airport from Loughboy shopping centre car park

- Direct flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival to hotel in Lourdes, and on return from hotel to Lourdes Airport
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation, with breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- 1 x 20kg check-in bag & 1 x small cabin bag.

Optional - Single Supplement: €35 per night for Hotel Agena; €39 per night for Hotel Solitude and Hotel Padoue

- Travel insurance: If you do not already have travel insurance it can be supplied @ €39 per person up to 79 years; €78 per person 80 to 94 years

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Payment terms: deposit €300 per person plus insurance premium; balances 12 weeks before departure
 - Children under 12 sharing with 2 adults receive a €50 reduction
 - Infants under 2 years on date of return are charged €50
 - Passengers comply with health and safety protocols in place at the time of travel
 - Bookings are subject to the terms and conditions available on JWT website
- Contact niamh@jwtravel.ie or 01-6852244 www.joewalshstours.ie

***Saint Brigid** is famed for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Born c. 454, she resolved to live the religious life. The most famous miracle associated with Brigid tells of her confrontation with an Irish Chieftain. She asked him for a quantity of land so that she could build a monastic community. The Chieftain replied that she could have whatever amount of land her cloak could cover. Brigid took the cloak from her shoulders and cast it on the ground where to the amazement of all onlookers it covered over twelve acres of the Chieftains lands! He gave it willingly.*

Brigid died in the year 525 with the date of her death becoming that of her feast-day, February 1st. It is on this day that she has since been celebrated, her memory marked with the traditional creation of the Saint Brigid Cross, made from reeds. She is buried next to Saint Patrick in Downpatrick.

The Goddess Brigid was 'syncretized' with Saint Brigid during the Middle Ages. This was a process whereby the practices, beliefs and traditions of a Christian Saint were merged, blended and assimilated with an earlier often mythological character. It is no coincidence that both Brigid the actual Saint who lived in Kildare and Brigit the mythological Goddess of old Ireland are both associated with the coming of Spring.