

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th January 2020

Parish Priest:

Fr. Dan Bolland

Mobile 087 6644858

Email: dbolland@eircom.net

Website www.thomastownparish.ie

Radio: fm108

Parish Office:

Tel No 056 7793191

Opening Hours Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. 10 - 1pm

Email: thomastown@ossory.ie

Facebook: Thomastown Parish

CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 12th January 2020

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Monday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel	10.30/9pm

11.30am Sunday Masses will take place as follows: -

Chapel Hill	12 th January
St. Columba's	19 th January
Mong	26 th January.
St. Columba's	02 nd February

Deaths/Anniversaries: Eileen O'Neill, Dangan Terrace, who died recently, Pat Higginbotham, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 6pm) & Nuala Deluca, Dublin (6pm Mass); Michael Walsh, Friars Hill (6pm Mass); May & Eddie Fenlon (6pm Mass); Betty & Jim Dockery (6pm Mass); Frances & Patrick Lannon, Station Road (6pm Mass); Names placed on Memorial Tree in Super Valu (6pm Mass); Mary Dunne, Jerpoint Church.(10am Mass); Noel Dempsey, Bawnskeha (11.30am Mass); James O'Hara, Jackstown; Tess Donnelly, Danesrath; Sandra Brett, Cloughabrody; Catherine Lee, Maudlin Street; Billy & Mary Campbell, Drogheda; Toby Cody, Bawnskeha; Josephine Hoban & Andrew Hoban, Bawnskeha; Margaret Landy & Michael Landy, Station Road. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Julie Stapleton (6pm Mass); Walter Walsh (6pm); Brigid Monahan & J P Monahan, Dangan Terrace (10am Mass).

Ministers of the Eucharist for January: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

06.00pm	Sr. Anna	Anne Treacy	Richard Moore
10.00am	Sharon Bambrick	Rita Doyle	Tom Walsh

Ministers of the Word for January. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

06.00pm	10.00am	11.30am
Sr. De Lourdes	Noirin Fitzgerald	Michael O'Brien
Pat Doherty	Joan McElwee	Vera Lanigan

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Dessie Walsh, Fairgreen; Joshua Raymond Falsey, Logan Street, Reyna Anna Marie Heslin, London; Eva Carmen Almeida Brennan, New York, baptised into the family of God recently.

The Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection this weekend. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the Society is **086 2664669** for anyone in need.

Envelopes: These days envelopes are being distributed throughout the Parish for the weekly envelope collection, which is to pay for costs incurred by the Parish throughout the year in various projects that need to be undertaken. Meanwhile, the offertory collection will, hopefully, meet the ordinary running costs of the Parish. Envelopes are also distributed for the payment of the priest of the Parish. Like every home and business, costs are run up, and need to be attended to, so we rely on the generosity of our parishioners. If you haven't got envelopes, please contact Fr. Dan, any member of the Finance Committee, or the Parish Office. A word of thanks to those who undertake the task of delivering the envelopes. They say they enjoy the opportunity to meet and greet the neighbours.

Pope Francis has dedicated the Third Sunday of the liturgical year (26th January) to **the Word of God**. To focus this, Bishop Farrell requested that each Pastoral Area would choose two people who would be willing to lead a *Lectio divina* prayer gathering in each Area. Training will be provided on 21st January. Would you be interested? Contact Fr. Dan asap.

Chair Based Exercise classes for older adults in Thomastown recommence in the Community Centre on Wednesday January 15th from 11am to 12. An 8-week block costs €25. Registration is done online and many older people struggle with that. There are numbers on the poster that people can contact to get registered and the library in Thomastown can also help. For enquiries, please contact Seamus Nugent, Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership, John's Green House, John's Green, Kilkenny telephone 056 7794957 / 087 3567884.

Towards Healing Counselling & Support Services is available to survivors of Church, Religious and Institutional abuse. The Towards Healing director is Mr Michael Lyons and the service provides lay independent and fully accredited counsellors to support survivors. Towards Healing may be contacted by: Freephone (RoI) 1800 303 416, Mobile number for Hearing Impaired Clients +353 (0) 85-8022859. Website: www.towardshealing.ie

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 20th January at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888888

Le Chéile: Sunday January 12th starting at 4.00pm in Cois Abhann Inistioge, a great community gathering of Le Chéile Thomastown, Ballyhale and Inistioge, music, song, poetry, chat, fun and a cup of tea, all welcome, all free. Hope to see you there, if you have any enquiries please contact Aislinn 0858402067 or Paul 0872595697

Rome Pilgrimage: The Ossory Adult Faith Development group is leading a pilgrimage to Rome (August 24th - 29th 2020). Anyone interested can contact afd@ossory.ie or 056 7753624.

Whistle blowing: The Diocese has a policy regarding whistleblowing. The term is used to describe the action of someone who reveals/discloses wrongdoing within an organization to the public or to those in positions of authority. It enables them to report concerns in a way that will not be disloyal to their settings and colleagues Although this can be difficult to do, it is particularly important where the welfare of children may be at risk. Please check the Diocesan website regarding the Policy or read the statement at the back of the Church.

To be baptised is to be christened, that is, to be made like Christ. But this doesn't happen automatically. We must grow into it. Towards the end of his life a saint was asked if he was a Christian, and he replied, 'not yet.' Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.