

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd December 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 22nd December 2019

Parish Church	Sunday 22 nd December Mass	10.00am
	Monday 23 rd December	09.30am
	Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve Children's Mass	06.00pm
	Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve "Midnight" Mass	08.00pm
	Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day Mass	10.00am
	Friday 27 th December Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 28 th December Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sunday 29 th December Mass	10.00am
	Monday 30 th December Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 01 st January Mass	10.00am
	Friday 03 January Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 04 th January Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sunday 05 th January Mass	10.00am
	Monday 6 th January Feast of the Epiphany Mass	11.30am
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St. Columba's Hospital	Thursday 26 th December Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 29 th December Mass	11.30am
	Tuesday 31 st December Mass	10.00am
	Thursday 02 nd January Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 05 th January Mass	11.30am
	Monday 06 th January Feast of the Epiphany Mass	10.00am

11.30am Sunday Masses will take place as follows: -

Mass in Mong	22 nd December
St. Columba's	29 th December
St. Columba's	05 th January
Chapel Hill	12 th January
St. Columba's	19 th January
Mong	26 th January.

Masses will be held at 7pm in The Rower and 8pm in Inistioge on Christmas eve, and at 9.30am in Clodiagh and 11.30am in Inistioge on Christmas Day.

Deaths/Anniversaries: Catherine Walsh, Chapel Lane, who died recently, Kristan Friel, 55, Cloughabrody Heights (6pm Mass); Margaret Behan, late Mount Juliet (6pm Mass); Mary Delaney, Pipe Street (6pm Mass); Luke Donnelly, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass); Maggie Morrissey, Clogregg (11.30am Mass); Louise O'Brien (11.30am); Jimmy Curran late Kiljames died in Australia recently (11.30am Mass); Michael Manning, Upper Kiljames (11.30am Mass); Kathleen Holden, Knockbrack; Margaret Bookle, Bawnskeha.

Elizabeth Fanning, Grennan; Mary Walshe, Dysart; Marie Challoner, Grennan; Mary Kelly, 42, Newtown Terrace; Mary & Larry Costelloe; Margaret & Michael Madigan; Conor Doyle, Jerpoint West; Lennie & May Fennelly, Noreview Crescent; Canice & Mary Fennelly, London & Thomastown; Fr. John Fennelly & Lucy Fennelly Knock & Thomastown; Patrick & Joe Doyle, Kilfane; Sean & Michael Doyle, Colmcille, Ellen & Richard Moran, Bennettsbridge; John Maher Ladywell.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Trevor Minogue, 15, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass) & Bridie Minogue, Cloughabrody; John, Robert & Bridie Prendergast, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass); Teresa Lee, 39, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); Michael & Matthew Kearney, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass); John Butler, Pleberstown; Mgr. Paul Fitzgerald (11.30am)

Mass Intentions 5th January: Jacqui Doyle, Carrickmourne (10am Mass)

Prepare a way for the Lord: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5.20pm, before the Saturday evening Masses and after Sunday Mass when requested.

Goal Mile: Christmas Day 12 noon Market Street. Lead by European silver medallist Aoibhe Richardson. An ideal way to work up an appetite for the Christmas dinner and support a good cause too. Goal works in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East to help communities cope with humanitarian issues and gain control over their lives.

Christmas Day: The traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 12 noon for anyone wishing to have Christmas Dinner in company. Do not be alone this Christmas Day. Drop into the Community Centre and leave your name or contact Seamus 0877728170.

Thanks to all who joined in the Carol Service last Tuesday night. **Thanks too for the contribution of € 734.90 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

The Parish Office will be closed next week and will re-open Thursday 02nd January. The next Newsletter will be 5th January.

Adoration will resume on 6th January, with a change of venue from the Mercy Chapel to St. Columba's Hospital Chapel.

Some people find Christmas a lonely time.

If that should happen to us, let us not be alarmed.

Loneliness can be a grace.

A sense of something missing

is God's way of calling us into greater intimacy with himself.

In the end, only God can satisfy the longings of our hearts.

Lord Jesus, help us to welcome you into our hearts this Christmas,

because without you our hearts will always be empty.

Joyeux Noël! Frohe Weihnachten! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale!

Feliz Natal! Vrolijk kerstfeest! Wesolych świąt Bożego Narodzenia!