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Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
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Wednesday Lectio Divina 10.00am

Parish Church
Sunday Mass
11.00am

St. Columba’s

Hospital
Tuesday & Thursday Mass 10.00am

Saturday Immaculate Conception Mass 10.00am

Confessions
After 7pm Mass.

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
Mass in Chapel Hill 01st December at 5.45pm & 15th December at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 08th December at 5.45pm & 22nd December

Deaths/Anniversaries: Maura Collins, Knocknabookey (7pm Mass); Francie White, Knocknabookey (7pm Mass); John Whelan, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); Eileen O’Mahony, Carrickmurne (11am Mass); Robbie Elkins, Melbourne, Florida (11am Mass); Patrick & Emily Morrissey, Ladywell; Eamon Morrissey, London; Joe Doyle, Killane. Elizabeth Fanning, Grennan, Mary Walsh, Dysart. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Margaret Morrissey, Clossgregg (5.45pm Mass); Bernie Stapleton (7pm Mass); Dick Forristal, Colncille (7pm Mass); Stephen Ryan, Stoneyford & nephew Stephen Ryan, Galway (9.30am Mass); James & Mary McNamara (11am Mass)

Ministers of the Eucharist December. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Trish Dempsey Fiona Fitzpatrick Sr. Bernadette
11.00am Tom Walsh Alice Challoner Marian Fennelly

Ministers of the Word for December. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm 09.30am 11.00am
Ann Casey Anna Minogue Catherine Murphy
Betty O’Connor Emma O’Keefe Walsh Janet Sahaffi

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month. Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.
If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

Collection for the Ossory Priests: A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our retired priests have given to God and our parishes throughout the Diocese. The collection takes place this weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday evening in St Columba’s from 8.00-9.00.
Thomastown Parish Finance Committee meets this Monday at 7.30pm.
Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm.
St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Collection next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is 086 266 4669 for anyone in need

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Charlie Edward Tennyson, Fairgreen, baptised recently.

Ministers of the Word Training nights for new and existing Ministers with Prof Seamus O’Connell & Olivia Maher on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm in St. Kieran’s College.


The Watergarden’s Advent Fair takes place this Sunday from 12pm until 5pm. This is a wonderful festive occasion for all the family. Come and enjoy the music, fires, hot food, cakes, mulled punch, craft workshops, Christmas trees and over twenty stalls of high quality handcrafts.

Christmas Craft Sale: 01st & 2nd December in the Community Centre 11am/5pm.

Inistioge Christmas Market & Great Ball Run is on Sunday 2nd December from midday onwards.

Kilkenny Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre, Carer’s Support Group, Tuesday 4th December 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre.

Concert in Aid of Kilkenny Alzheimer Day Care Centre St. Fiacre’s Church Loughboy, Thursday 6th December 8.00pm. Admission €10. Tickets on sale at the Village Day Centre and a limited number available on the door on the night. Contact Brenda Glynn for more info 0872509371.

So you want to be a movie star? Thomastown United AFC are organising an information evening about a forthcoming event called the Kilkenny OsKaRs, at the Thomastown Community Centre on Saturday 8th December at 7.30 pm. For information, please call Jerry Gardner on 087 6637466.

Drama: Fionn McComhail players will stage the John B Keane play “Year of the Hiker” on Saturday 8th December at 7.30 pm. For information, please call Jerry Gardner on 087 6637466.

Catholic Doctors’ Conference: A one-day conference: “Ethics & Professionalism: Informed by Faith” at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin, on Saturday 8th December 2018, 9am to 5pm. Further information and on-line registration at www.icdl.ie.

Christmas Day: The Community Centre will open this Christmas Day to serve traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. Don’t be alone this Christmas Day. Call into the centre and leave your name with any member of the Centre Committee or call 087 7728170.

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation – came into law throughout the EU in May 2018, giving you control over personal data. The Parish Policy Statement is to be read at the Parish Church notice board.

Don’t forget our Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7pm.

Parish Prayer: We pray that as a Parish community, we may watch and remain alert for those who are feeling isolated, hurt or alone during this Advent season.

Advent Text for the Day. A thought for each day of Advent. Text your mobile number to 0858313100 or put your name on the sheets at the back of the Church.

An Advent Tweet Daily Thought. Follow the Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese

Advent Web Post Daily Thought. Log on to www.ossory.ie