THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 02nd September
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
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm
St. Columba’s Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
Tuesday & Thursday Mass 10.00am
Confessions
After 7pm Mass when requested.

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

Deaths/Anniversaries:
Joan Kavanagh, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass);
Jimmy Byrne, Dangan Terrace;
Mary & Peter Challoner, Smithstown;
Joe Walsh, Low Street;
Paddy Reddy, Graignamanagh formerly Dangan;
Elizabeth (Betty) Kiely, Ballydonnell.
May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend:

Ministers of the Eucharist Sept. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Trish Dempsey Mary McComb Sr. Anna
11.00am Jim Fitzmaurice Marion Fennelly Anne Donnelly

Ministers of the Word for Sept. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Jinky Babu Vera Lanigan Valerie Cotter
09.30am Sr. De Lourdes Emma O’Keeffe Walsh Frances Roche

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so 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.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St. Columba’s Chapel on Tuesday night from 8.00 - 9.00. Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.
Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.
Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage September 9th 2018, Knock Shrine 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages.

The St Moling’s Well Annual Pattern Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher takes place this Sunday 2pm.

Thomastown ARA: Monthly Meetings will resume on Tuesday 4th September at 2.30pm in the Community Hall.

Thomastown Community Centre: The finishing touches will continue this week on phase three restoring the balcony. It is hoped to have an open weekend once the glass screen is fitted across the front for safety to ensure no one falls over it. There was an overspend of €14,000 to comply with the current building regulations. It is hoped to recoup some of this during the open weekend. Donations welcome to Thomastown Community Centre Ltd. You can email seamusquinley@gmail.com or phone 087 7728170. Thomastown Community Centre for you for everyone restoring the past building for the future.

Computer Classes From mid-September Thomastown Library will be aiming to Get Citizens Online. We will be offering the following classes: Free Beginner Computer (tablet) Classes Free Driver Theory Test tuition. Call in to book a place or phone 056 7794331.

Thomastown GAA club has been selected as one of two clubs in county Kilkenny to develop as a Healthy Club in 2018/2019. The Healthy Club project is overseen and supported through the Health and Wellbeing division of Croke Park. The project seeks to reach out to all members of the community and will be hosting an information night for all to attend on Friday September 7th @ 7pm in the Concert Hall, Thomastown. For more information please contact Joan McElwee, Thomastown Healthy Club Coordinator 0879371889 or club chairperson Ger Walsh (086) 8220317.

Memory Technology Resource Rooms are now open every Tuesday on the grounds of St. Columba’s Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny and every Thursday on the grounds of Sacred Heart Hospital, Carlow. The MTRRs are for people with dementia & memory difficulties, their families and carers. The MTRRs showcase a wide range of assistive technology equipment that promote independence, safety & quality of life. It is free to attend and provides individuals with the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology with an occupational therapist. Individuals can access the MTRRs by telephoning Aoife Regan 087 7201503. See also poster at back of the Church.

Kilkenny Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre, Carer’s Support Group. Tuesday 4th September 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer’s/Dementia. Everyone welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

Waterford/SE Region Charismatic Conference 2018 will be held in the Rhu Glenn Hotel on Saturday and Sunday, September 8th and 9th, starting at 10.00 am each day. Speakers will be Dr. Mary Healy, (USA), Fr. Brendan Walsh, and Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. Further info: Sile 086 8590 394, or Mossy 087 2136 812.

Amoris Laetitia – the joy of love. In the follow-up to the World Meeting of Families, we continue to reflect on the joy of Married love. Pope Francis writes that ‘Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us. God is also communion: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in a perfect unity. And this is precisely the mystery of marriage: God makes of the two spouses one single existence. This has concrete daily consequences, because the spouses, in virtue of the sacrament, are invested with a true and proper mission, so that, starting with the simple ordinary things of life they can make visible the love with which Christ loves his Church and continues to give his life for her.’ (Section 120).