THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Irish Blood Transfusion Service will visit The Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh on Thursday 7th February from 4.30pm/8pm

Fiver Friday: The School of Food pop up restaurant will be open from 12pm – 2pm every Friday serving a delicious lunch! We will also have a take away option available from 11.30am. All dishes €5 or whatever you would like to donate.

Ministers of the Eucharist February: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister
07.00pm 09.30am
Anne Lee  Jim Fitzmaurice
Kathleen Gaffney  Tom Brett
Mary McComb  Majella Morrissey

Ministers of the Word for February. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister
07.00pm 09.30am 11.00am
Aleena Benny  Sr. Anna  Chrissie Keating
Sr. De Lourdes  Bernadette Bradshaw  Rita Doyle

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses: the next course in Kilkenny is 22nd/23rd March. Contact the Accord website or call 056-7722674.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email glenmore@ossory.ie

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?
GROW is here to help you: Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday @ 8pm Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

CycLe Against Suicide – "IT'S OK NOT TO FEEL OK; AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY OK TO ASK FOR HELP' - WILL VISIT KILKENNY SATURDAY APRIL 27TH 2019. BECOME A HOMESTAY HOST - Can you donate a bed for one night? CAS needs your help to accommodate this year's cyclists and crew. If you live within a reasonable distance i.e. 20mile radius from Kilkenny and can offer a bed for 1 night along with a shower/bath facility and a meal we would greatly appreciate it. Feedback from Homestay hosts indicates that this experience has been extremely rewarding, as it allows hosts to lend support in a very tangible way contact: homestays@cycleagainstsuicide.com

Parish Prayer: We pray for all in authority: that they may avoid the paths of pride, arrogance and self-seeking and use their positions to promote the common good.

You Shall be my Witnesses is the parish programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This begins this weekend for the young people who will seek Confirmation this year in Thomastown., with the Enrolment Mass, at our 7pm Saturday Mass. The young people will commit, in preparation for the Sacrament, to take time each day to pray, to participate in the prayer of the community by being at Mass every weekend, to take part fully in the preparation for Confirmation at school, in the parish and at home, and to be the kind of person that Jesus would want them to be at home, at school and in the parish community. Noble aspirations, and how can you help them to be faithful to their commitment?