THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 4th March

Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10/11am
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
03rd March 17th March at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong
10th March, 24th March at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Padraig Kirwan, Jerpoint Church, Susan Butler, Thurles, died recently, and Finbar Phelan, 10 Newtown Tce. (Months Mind 7pm Mass Sat); Roly Collier, Friars Hill & Alice Collier (7pm Mass Sat); Michael, Melvin & Mary Power, (7pm Mass Sat); Margaret Minogue & Jamie Minogue (7pm Mass Sat). Oliver Deneffe, Michael Deneffe. Mary Roche, Logan St., May Behan, Michael Doyle, Legan; Patty Ryan, Friars Hill; Philip Kelly, Friars Hill: Patrick O’Reilly, Newtown; Frank Woods, Jerpoint Hill. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: May they rest in peace. Edward Nevin, 24 Dangan Tce. (7pm Mass Sat); Anne MacFadden, Sinapore & Dangan (Months Mind 11am Mass Sun)

Ministers of the Eucharist for March: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Mary McComb Anne Lee Margaret Ryan
11.00am Rosaleen Garry K C Babu Helena Hull

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Mgr. Dermot Farrell will be ordained Bishop of Ossory on Sunday 11th March at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 3pm. At 7.45 on Monday 5th March evening Prayer will be held at the Mercy Chapel as we ask God to bless our new Bishop on the feast of St. Kieran, our first Bishop.

Thomastown Lenten Pilgrimages, thinking of Family. You are invited to visit the Churches during Lent - St Columba's Hospital on Tuesday 6th March, 10am; Mong on Tuesday 13th March 7.30pm; the Parish Church on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm. Weather upset our planned visit to Chapel Hill. We will catch up later.

Snow prevented our First Friday visits, so we will call to the homebound this week.
Snow also prevented the launch of our Confirmation programme. You shall be my Witnesses. We will check the launch out with the young people and the leaders of the programme.

First Confessions The girls and boys preparing for First Communion will come for First Confession on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Lenten Crusade for Life: Why not offer up your Prayer, Rosary and Fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Crusade for life.

Kilkenny Carer’s Support Group. Tuesday 6th Mar, 3pm - 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. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

National Rally to Protect the Unborn and Disabled Children from Abortion on Saturday, 10th March in Dublin City Centre, starting at Parnell Square at 2pm. If you Care, you cannot Kill. Please support this March for Life. Bus from Loughboy, Kilkenny, at 10.00 am. Contact Ron at 086 669 6632.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association are holding a St. Patrick’s Day celebration on March 17th at 2pm in the Community Hall. Music by Chalkie & Eddie. Please give names to any Committee Member or call to the Hall on Thursday or Friday from 9.30am/2.30pm.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support, a voluntary organisation offering Bereavement Support to people of all ages who have been bereaved, are recruiting Volunteers who will take a 30-hour training course in Bereavement Skills starting April 6th, to May 12th in Villa Maria, Talbot’s Inch, Kilkenny.

Kilkenny Knights of St Columbanus, founded in 1927, are seeking new members to help us continue the work of “Restoring all things in Christ.” If you would like to attend an Information Evening on 19th March, please email Paul at Area9KSC@outlook.ie or telephone 087 9043071.

World Meeting of Families: A formal announcement that Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families in Ireland is expected shortly. Parishioners who would like to attend all or part of the event can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress on www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

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A prayer for First Responders: Lord, watch over all men and women who work as first responders. We pray for Gardai, members of the defence forces, ambulance crews, paramedics, hospital staffs and doctors, firefighters, Civil Defence, Council Crews and all who respond to calls for assistance these days. We pray that our first responders will stay safe and return home to their families at the end of each day/night. We give thanks for their selfless service, their compassion and care for everyone. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.