THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 07TH JANUARY

Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10/11am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07/08pm
Wednesday morning Lectio Divina 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm
St. Columba’s Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
Tuesday & Thursday Mass 10.00am
Confessions
11am Saturday and after 7pm Mass when requested.

Mass in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
Mass in Chapel Hill 06th January and 20th January at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 13th January and 27th January at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Trevor Minogue, 15, Newtown Terrace & Jacqui Doyle, Carrickmourn recently deceased. Members of the Deceased Hoban Family, Bawsheeka (5.45pm Mass); Francis O’Neill, Chapel Lane (7pm Mass); Robin Elkins, Florida (11am Mass); Michael Fitzsimons, (Sr.) 6, Newtown Terrace; Eddie Wallace, Jerpoint Abbey; Kathleen Phelan, The Quay; Thomas Kelly, The Mall; Margaret Forristal, Colmcille; Lenny & May Fennelly, Marshes St., & Noreview Crescent; Sandra Brett, Mary Hogan, Coolroepeg. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Walter Walsh, (7pm Mass); Frances Lannon & Patrick Lannon (7pm Mass); Michael Walsh, Friars Hill (9.30am Mass); Mary & Eddie Fenlon, Bridge House (9.30am Mass); Noel Dempsey, Bawsheeka (11am Mass)

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Aaron Phelan, Copenagh, Dunganvan; John Oisin Clifford McCarthy, The Greens; Finn Sean Challoner, Newtown; Morgan John O’Connor, The Inch, Mount Juliet baptised into the family of God recently.

Ministers of the Eucharist for Jan: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Benny Anthony Catherine Walsh Kathleen Gaffney
11.00am Breda Bergin Tom Brett Carmel Coone

Ministers of the Word for Jan: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm 09.30am
Alicia Dunphy Mairead O’Keeffe Francis Roche
Ms. Sarah Jane Comerford Bernie Egan Joe Dunphy

Parish Prayer: We thank God for our parish, family and friends. We pray that we may reach out to others who face difficult journeys, even though they are far away, helping them in whatever way we can. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Bishop Elect: the time of discernment is over. The Papal Nunci has announced that Mgr. Dermot Farrell has been chosen as next Bishop of Oscory. Mgr. Farrell is a priest of the Diocese of Meath, former president of Maynooth and Parish Priest of Dunboyne. He will be ordained Bishop, probably in March. We pray God’s blessing on him as he says yes in accepting an onerous task. May he be a good shepherd, full of vision and love. May he know the support of all the people of the Diocese.

To more mundane but necessary things ......... Envelopes are currently being distributed throughout the Parish for the support of Parish projects, and ordinary running costs, and for the support of the Parish Priest. If you don’t receive envelopes, please contact the Parish Office – you may not be on Parish list, so it will be good to include you. We need your financial support. Regarding the method of payment, The Finance Committee suggests that you may find it more convenient to set up a Standing Order using the following information: Account Name: Thomastown Church Parochial Current Account. BIC: BOFIIE2D. IBAN: IE39BOFI90609911711780.

The Religious Sisters of Charity at St. Patrick’s, Kells Road, Kilkenny, will withdraw from the Diocese in the coming weeks. To mark the event, Mass will be celebrated on Monday 8th January at 11.30am at St. Joseph’s Church, Foulkstown. All are welcome.

Happy New Year!! I wish you every blessing as we conclude the 12 Days of Christmas, and all good wishes for 2018. Please God into 2018 we will recognize the ways we are blessed by God and in turn be a blessing for our families, friends, neighbours and the wider parish.

I take this opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to all who have played a part in making life better for others during 2017. Thanks for proving yourself a good neighbour. Think of the great variety of individuals, institutions and organisations throughout the Parish. The mind travels to sports and culture, not forgetting the Community Centre. Thanks! I think too of the various Church groups, the Sisters living among us, Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee, Vincent de Paul Society, and many more. Thanks too to the staff and Board of Management of our Parish School. Thanks to all who serve in our Churches – sacristans, choirs, musicians, servers, collectors, readers, Eucharistic ministers, children’s liturgy leaders – which we will resume when school reopens, with the aid of Mams and Dads - ‘do this in memory’ leaders coordinators of adoration at the Mercy Chapel, cleaners, florists, and many more. We think of Una Kelly, using her gifts for many years in the Church. Thanks to envelope distributors and money counters. Thanks to the Community Scheme workers at the Church grounds and Cemetery. Thanks to Anne, and to Deirdre who has joined her during the year looking after the Parish Office. You all make a difference. Thank you.

We celebrated 150 years of the Parish Church in 2017. Thanks to the Committee members who organised a variety of events for the year. That Committee can be parked now until 2067!! Some of the children whom we welcome at their Baptism may be part of 200 Committee in 2067. Part of 150th celebration was the Concert held on 7th October. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. Springing from that the group that organised the Concert also took good care of the Carol Service in December.

I look forward to 2018 as a time of new leadership in the Diocese. I also look forward to the World Meeting of Families. While the Celebration goes on, may all our families be renewed, so that the Family may be good news for society and for the People of God.

I remember you in my prayers. One of my duties as Parish Priest is to offer Mass for all the people of the parish each weekend – that’s you!

Fr. Dan Bollard.