

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 08<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday Mass	03.00pm
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
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	Lection Divina Wednesday	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil <b>Harvest Mass</b>	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

### Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 21<sup>st</sup> October, 04<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm

**Mass in Mong** 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Johnny Byrne**, Newtown Terrace (9.30am Mass Sat); **Noel O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road; **John (Jack) Gibbons**, Colmcille; **Richard Phelan**, The Quay; **Paud Kavanagh**, Berkley Lawns; **Patrick Barron**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Paud Fanning**, Grennan & Essex. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (7pm Mass Sat.); **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass Sun.); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (9.30am Mass Wed.)

**Calendar 2018:** A calendar commemorating the Sesquicentennial will be available this week, costing €10. This will be a lovely present for people away from home, and a wonderful memento to cherish.

**The Photographic Display** to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our present Church of the Assumption in Thomastown is now on view in the rear of the Church. Come and see!!

**The Church Hangings**, specially for our sesquicentennial, were prepared by Sorcha Reilly, Brigid Reilly and Chrissie Keating. Thank you!! For those who served Mass while it was in Latin, or have a yearning for things old, notice 'I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy', (Psalm 43), the opening words of the old Mass..... Introibo ad altare Dei, a Deum qui laetificat juventutem meum.

**October Stations** Please remember to support the priest in the Parish financially. If you haven't got an envelope, please put your offering in an ordinary envelope, with your name and address.

**St. Mary's National School:** Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol children in Junior Infants for September, 2018 in St. Mary's National School may do so during **Enrolment Week, Monday, 16th October to Friday, 20th October**. Parents/guardians may bring their children to the school to be enrolled any morning that week between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Enrolment forms are available at the School or through the local preschools. The completed forms must be returned with a Birth Certificate. The school will also require a Baptismal Certificate if the child has been baptised – this will not be necessary if your child was baptised in Thomastown.

**Dates for your Diary: First Confessions will be held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**First Communion will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 11am.**

**Confirmation will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 11am.**

### I.C.A. Table Quiz

Thomastown I.C.A. Table Quiz will take place in The Salmon Pool on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. Please support.

**Public Rosary Rally** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima to celebrate the centenary of her apparitions will be held in the Square Inistioge on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. All are welcome. Bring a friend. The last apparition 100 years ago was on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Our Lady asked us to pray to make reparation for the conversion of the world. Please join in the prayer.

**A CURSILLO WEEKEND** in Seville Lodge, Kilkenny. Are you seeking Happiness, Peace, Joy, friendship, Human and Spiritual Development and wish to become the person Jesus wants you to be? The Cursillo in Christianity Weekend is for you. A women's weekend will be held 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. For Details, Contact: Fr. Seán Kelly, OFM, Cap Kilkenny Capuchin Friary, email: [kellybrosean@aol.com](mailto:kellybrosean@aol.com) or ring 0870550584.

**The Kilkenny Branch Of Arthritis Ireland:** The Arthritis Ireland Kilkenny branch hold their local coffee chat every Saturday morning from 11am - 12 noon in the Ossory Park Community Centre. Do you live with Fibromyalgia or Arthritis? Don't suffer alone! Come for a chat, get out of the house, make new friends & know you're not alone - Looking forward to meeting you, we'll have the kettle on. To find out more information you can call or text 087 1491767.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of October from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not. For more information see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**Scrabble Group:** Thomastown Library would like to start a Scrabble Group. If you are interested in joining please give us a ring on 056 7794331. All levels welcome.

**Handel's Messiah - Knock Basilica** on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm. Presented by Liz Nolan, RTE lyric fm. Tickets available now at [www.knockmessiah.com](http://www.knockmessiah.com) and at the *Witness to Hope* office Knock Shrine.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Taizé Youth Trip 2018:** A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. A week in Taizé is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make the trip to Taizé each year. The trip is open to Transition year, 5<sup>th</sup> year and Leaving Cert students. Numbers are confined to 25 young people. For additional information, including cost, and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or [pbookle@ossoryyouth.com](mailto:pbookle@ossoryyouth.com)

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office Tel 056 7793191 or email: [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie). Members of the Parish Baptismal Team will call to the homes of the people to be baptised, before the ceremony, and speak of the Sacrament and the ceremony.

**The Camphill Community** at the Watergarden thanks everyone who donated to their fundraising recently, and thank too the Kilkenny Motor Club and all who worked to make the event a success.