THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 09th September

Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07/08pm
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 15th September at 5.45pm & 29th September at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 08th September at 5.45pm & 22nd September at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Tommy Rowley, Oldcourt, Inistioge; Ellen Walsh, Cappagh, Thomastown; Jane Walsh, Ashbourne & London; Costelloe Family, Pipe Street; Mary Fitzsimons, 6, Newtown, Eily Butler, Pleberston. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Ann Phelan, The Quay, Thomastown (7pm Mass); William & Mary O’Keeffe (7pm Mass); Bridget & Jack Cahill (7pm Mass); John Costelloe, Galway (9.30am Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its church door collection next weekend 15th/16th September. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is 086-2664669 for anyone in need.

Children’s Liturgy: We would like to invite the children not yet in Second Class to come aside, to the room over the Sacristy, to do something age appropriate based on the word of God. The Children’s Liturgy takes place during 11am Sunday Mass. We invite all parents who would be interested in getting involved in a rota approximately once every 7 weeks for the school term to contact Dawn Dack on 0863799316.

THOMASTOWN PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION:
Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11th September at 7pm 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 seamussquirey@gmail.com or phone 087 7728170. Thomastown Community Centre for you for everyone restoring the past building for the future.

Parishioners Weekly Prayer:

Amoris Laetitia – “To opt for marriage expresses a genuine and firm decision to join paths, come what may. Given its seriousness, this public commitment of love cannot be the fruit of a hasty decision, but neither can it be postponed indefinitely. Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamb. Unwillingness to make such a commitment is selfish, calculating and petty. It fails to recognise the rights of another person and to present him or her to society as someone worthy of unconditional love. If two persons are truly in love, they naturally show this to others. When love is expressed before others in the marriage contract, with all its public commitments, it clearly indicates and protects the ‘yes’ which those persons speak freely and unreservedly to each other. This ‘yes’ tells them that they can always trust one another, and that they will never be abandoned when difficulties arise, or new attractions of selfish interests present themselves”. (Section 132). This is profound and challenging...... What do you think? How does it strike you?

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- Open weekend to recoup overspend
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Parishioners Weekly Prayer:
- Reflect on marriage
- Amoris Laetitia
- Decision to join paths
- Public commitment
- Not hasty
- Not postponed
- Rights of another person
- Selfish
- Unwillingness
- Love expressed
- Marriage contract
- Public commitments
- Clearly indicates
- ‘Yes’ spoken freely
- Never abandoned
- Challenges
- What do you think?
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