THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 10th June

Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Wednesday morning Lectio Divina 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm

St. Columba’s Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly 10.00am
Thursday Cemetery Mass 10.00am

Confessions
After 7pm Mass when requested.

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
Mass in Chapel Hill 16th June at 5.45pm & 30th June at 5.45pm.
Mass in Mong 09th June at 5.45pm & 23rd June at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: John Maher, Durrow died recently; Tommy Delaney, Pipe Street (11am Mass); Ellen O’Rourke, Newtown; Doraken Comerford, Jerpoint Hills; Richard, Anastasia, Helen, Ann, Richard & Barry Fennelly, Jerpoint; Maureen & Donal Cullinan, Clonakilty Co. Cork; Stasia Collins, Norelands; Mary Cassin, Coolroebeg. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Esther & Jack Woods; Shivaun Kavanagh, Berkley Lawn (7pm Mass); Nicholas White, Knocknaboola (7pm Mass).

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

Cemetery Masses: Cemetery Mass at Colmcille on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm.
Mass at St. Columba’s Hospital Cemetery on Thursday 14th June at 10am. Cemetery Mass at St. Mary’s New Cemetery on Friday 23rd August at 8pm.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in Thomastown at the 11am Mass next Saturday. The Ceremony of Light, when parents/guardians symbolically hand on the Light of Faith to the young people will be held on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Church.

Prayer for the young people presenting for the Sacrament of Confirmation: All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blood Donation Clinic: St. Mary’s National School Tuesday 12th June from 5pm/8.30pm.

The June Collection for the support of the priests is due now. If you haven’t got envelopes, contact the Office, or put your contribution in an ordinary envelope with your name and address.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society: Icon of the Holy Family for WMOF: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Cathedral from 6pm to 9pm on Monday June 11th led by Fr. Kieran O’Shea for Vocations to Priesthood in the Diocese as part of the visit of the Icon. There will be no Adoration in Thomastown on that evening. All welcome to the Cathedral even for a short while.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday June 23rd. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.30am. Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat.

Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their Church Gate Collection next weekend. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

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World Meeting of Families: to attend all or part of the events, register now for the Pastoral Congress on www.worldmeeting 2018.ie. Wednesday 22nd August is a day designated for Leinster, and Inistioge and Thomastown will share a bus for those wishing to travel that day. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place on the bus. Places for the Congress are limited, tickets will be scarce for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which will be led by Pope Francis. Teachings, in preparation for the World meeting can be got on www.eventbrite.ie (under “Walking Together as Families Today”). Further info: contact Aoife at specialevents@spcm.ie Be part of it!

Lough Derg: Come home to the love of God’s Family on Lough Derg. Pilgrimage Season opened on Saturday 5th May. One Day Retreats or Three-Day Pilgrimages are available. For information contact 071 9861518 or www.loughderg.org

40 Days of Reparation for Life & Faith commenced May 30th and will finish in Knock on July 08th. For further information and details see the Poster at the back of the Church.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis writes: Seeing things with the eyes of Christ inspires the Church’s pastoral care for the faithful who are living together, or are married civilly, or are divorced and remarried. Following this, the Church turns with love to those who participate in her life in an imperfect manner: she seeks the grace of conversion for them; she encourages them to do good, to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work ... When a couple in an irregular union attains a noteworthy stability through a public bond – and is characterised by deep affection, responsibility towards the children and the ability to overcome trials – this can be seen as an opportunity, where possible, to lead them to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony. While clearly stating the church’s teaching, pastors are to avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations, and they are to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience and endure distress because of their condition.’ (Sections 78 and 279)