

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10th March

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Tuesday First Confessions	07.30pm
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	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 Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 16th March at 5.30pm & 04th May at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong 09th March at 5.30pm & 13th April 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Denis O'Brien, Stackley, Skeoghvosteen (5.30pm Mass); Roly Collier & Alice Collier (7pm Mass); Thomas (Tom) Lannon, 33, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind 9.30am Mass); Bridget Ryan, Stoneyford (9.30am Mass); John O'Rourke, Newtown; Mary & Paddy Greene, Pleberstown, Margaret & John Dempsey, Ballyhale; Carol Poloczek, Poland; Philip Kelly, Friars Hill; Bridget & Martin Murray, Jerpont Abbey; Joan Furlong, Coppengagh; Frances Clarke, Dublin. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Mary Cody, Bawnskeha (5.30pm Mass); Gobnait Murphy, Kilkenny (5.30pm Mass); Sean Finan, Kilmurray (7pm Mass); Bobby Lee, 8, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); William Savage, Friars Hill (Months Mind 11am Mass); Kathleen Behan, 5, Cloughabrody (11am Mass); Colum Dack, 26, Castle Avenue (11am Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its church door collection next weekend 16th/17th March. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

Parish Lenten Programme: the PPC plans to hold its Lenten Programme this year in conjunction with our Saturday evening Masses, on Saturday 23rd March, Saturday 30th March, and Saturday 6th April. So that congregations benefit from these evenings, please note that Masses in Chapel Hill and Mong will not be held on those dates.

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

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Do This in Memory Programme 11am Mass next Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministers: are you prepared to serve the People of God by accepting the training and being commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister in the Parish, for a period of three years? Contact Fr. Dan soon, as the training begins Friday 15th March.

Bishop Farrell has sent us a **Pastoral Letter**, addressing the times we, the People of God, find ourselves in. Please take home a copy of the Letter and have a good read of it. Meanwhile, the Bishop has begun a series of meetings throughout the Diocese regarding the proposed Pastoral Areas. He will speak with the Parish Council and Finance Committee members of Inistioge, Tullaherin and Thomastown on Monday 8th April.

Cathedral Draw: The first draw of Year Five will be held on Wednesday 27th March. Do please consider joining. Join the Draw, €10 per month, at Reddy's Gift Shop, Murphy Victualler at Market Street, the Parish Office or Fr. Dan.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, under the auspices of the Senior Citizens Committee, will be held on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 1.30pm at The Community Hall. If you like to attend, or have any enquiries, contact the Senior Citizens Shop at the Community Hall Thursdays or Fridays.

Community Centre: Drama Eigse Players will perform a Play by Valerie Sweeney called "I'm Not Dead Yet", a two-act comedy set in a Nursing Home, on Saturday 16th March at 8pm. Admission €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries Seamus 087 7728170.

The Watercolour Art Group Exhibition: continues in the Gallery at The Watergarden, until March 26th. All welcome. Anyone interested in joining the group please contact Miriam on 086 3047711 or Mary on 086 1553688.

Thomastown United: With the new season about to begin, Thomastown United are on the lookout for any volunteers who can help out at the club, especially for coaching teams. Please contact Mary Synnott on 086 0269880 if you can help, or if you wish to register to play.

Flower Arranging Classes: Thomastown Library will be running another series of 3 classes before Easter. Why not join in and create a beautiful Spring Basket or an Easter posy? Call to the library or give us a ring on 056 7794331 to book.

Thomastown Library Ciorcal Comhra: Our Irish conversation group is going strong and meet in the library on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. You are welcome to come along and have a chat. Slan go foill.
Children's Storytelling: Storytelling and crafts for children ages 3 to 8 years will take place on Saturdays at 11am. No need to book just come along

Conference: Citizens of Two Cities: Being Church in the World Today. Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan. This day will take place on March 30th, 2019 in St. Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. Times: 10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided), pay on the door. Booking essential. To book your place, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email glenmore@ossory.ie

Kilkenny Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Thursday 16th May 2019 to Thursday 23rd May 2019. Flight from Dublin to Dubrovnik. Full spiritual programme. House near the Church. Fare €695 per person sharing. Bookings please contact Ann on 056 7765840 or 086 8825622.

Parish Prayer: We pray for gratitude: that we may recognise and give thanks for all of God's gifts to us and place them in the service of the Gospel.