

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Vigil Mass Feast of the Assumption	07.30am
	Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass Feast of the Assumption	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August Mass	05.45pm
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 19<sup>th</sup>, August, 02<sup>nd</sup> September at 5.45pm  
**Mass in Mong** 12<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> August at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Annie Lennon**, Legan (5.45pm Mass Sat); **Annie & Bobbie Power**, Grennan View (7pm Mass Sat.); **Catherine Burke**, 6, Castle Avenue (9.30pm Mass Sun.); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (11am Mass Sun); **Andrew Deneeffe**, Jerpoint West (10am Mass Tues); **Michael & Frances O'Shea**, Low Street (9.30am Mass Friday); **Canon Michael Carroll**, **John Byrne**, Ballylinch; **Anna Power**, Smithstown; **Eileen Kirwan Burns**, Hounslow, Middlesex; **Declan Fennelly**, Oldtown; **Michael Piert**, Ladywell. *May they rest in peace.*

### Mass Intentions next weekend:

**Billy Daly**, 42, Castle Avenue (11am Mass Sun.) *May they rest in peace.*

**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).

**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. Our thanks to all who donated photos for this, to Signiatec for their help and advice, to Joe Doyle for all his help with photos and a special word of gratitude to John Dunphy without whose many hours of help, this project would not have come to fruition. Take some time to look at them over the next few weeks.

**SOS Church Gate Collection** this weekend 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> August.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** holds its church door collection next weekend 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> August. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

**Cemetery Mass Collection:** Thanks to all who contributed €2,960. And thanks too for keeping your graves in good order during the course of the year.

**Golf Classic:** to be held at Gowran Park on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This Classic will raise funds for the refurbishment of the former CYMS building so that it can become a Pastoral Centre for the Parish. Teams of four, €200 per team. Great prizes, meal and goody bag. To book a tee time, contact Fionnula on 087 7799848

**St Mary's National School Parents' Association and Grennan College Parents' Council** have jointly organised for David Coleman, renowned psychologist, to talk on 'Communicating Effectively with Children and Teenagers' on 28th September 2017 in GC Leisure Gym at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now for €10 from Healy's Pharmacy, Market Street, Thomastown.

**Knock Shrine - National Novena 2017** Join us for nine days of reflection and prayer for the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock from the 14<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August. Ceremonies will take place daily at 3pm and 8.30pm with daily guest speakers and workshops to enrich and enliven your faith. On **Monday 21st August** we will celebrate the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Programme. See the full programme and schedule of speakers at [www.knockshrine.ie/novena2017](http://www.knockshrine.ie/novena2017)

**Pilgrimage to Knock.** The people of Danesfort Parish have arranged a coach to Knock Shrine for the highlight of this year's annual novena. Join us on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August – the actual anniversary of the apparitions at Knock – for the official launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 programme. During the Mass Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin will unveil and anoint a newly commissioned Icon of the Holy Family. The Icon will travel to each diocese around the country as part of the WMOF2018 celebrations. Coach will pick up at Cuffesgrange at 7.45am, Danesfort 8am, St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 8.15am and the Square, Ballyragget at 8.45am. Cost €20 (€10 for children) for coach with an optional main course meal available at The Grand Hotel, Moate for €10 extra. Contact Fr. Dan Carroll on 087 9077769 to book, or for further information.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival** for young people aged 16-35, takes place at the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. This is, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses will travel from all round Ireland. For information and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or tel 01 6753690.

**Thomastown Senior Citizens:** Day Trip on the 6<sup>th</sup> September to Clonmacnoise followed by a Shannon Cruise. Contact Rosaleen Garry 087 6912990

**Thomastown Library News:** As part of Heritage Week Events, Thomastown Library will host a Butterfly Making Workshop for children ages 8+. This will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 11 to 12.30pm. Booking essential, contact us on 056 7794331 [thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie).

**TCN/Tidy Towns** thanks the Thomastown parish for their very generous support of our church gate collection last weekend. The funds collected will be put to good use on projects in the town!

This September Home Instead Senior Care is running a **Free Dementia Workshop in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow on Tuesday 5th September 2017 from 7 – 9pm**. This **FREE** educational workshop helps Family Carers and those concerned about DEMENTIA how to provide individualised relationship based care that helps maintain a safe and calm environment for the person with dementia, encourages engagement, helps minimise symptoms, honours who the person was in earlier life and supports the entire family. To book your place or register for future dates call Deirdre 056-7800508 on or [www.homeinstead.ie](http://www.homeinstead.ie) – All are Welcome

*Last but not least, all the best to the young people awaiting the results of the Leaving Certificate examinations. This is an important time when decisions will be made, so we pray for you, that you choose well for the future. Trust that the Lord has great plans for you, many of which you will be carrying out unawares. Remember, the world will be poorer without you, and without your living your life well.*