Rcps from Thomastown and Inistioge met last week to identify priorities and to address the number of Masses in the Area, with a view to allowing a maximum choice for parishioners to attend Mass in their own Parish. The schedule must also allow a reduced number of priests to cover Masses in neighbouring parishes. The Reps, the two parish priests and three reps from each parish, will meet again this week to continue and conclude the conversation. Later a Pastoral Area Committee will be established to continue and foster the cooperation. The Bishop proposes that the decision about reducing and rescheduling Masses should be finalised before the end of June. The new schedule of Masses is to be introduced across the Diocese on the First Sunday of Advent 2019.

Hospital visits: Please let Fr. Dan know if someone in Hospital might like a visit. Hospital data protection regulations, personal preference, brevity of time in Hospital and lack of information make it more difficult nowadays to know if someone is in Hospital. If the time is short, he will be happy to call to the homes of former patients.

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 17th June at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888888.

Weight management and healthy lifestyle. 6-week course run over 10 weeks to get you into the body you can be comfortable with. €15 per class. Ring 0868203521 for more details and to book.

Tomastown Library News: Summer Stars Reading Challenge: this year’s reading adventure starts on Saturday June 15th. We invite children to come along to Thomastown Library with a parent to sign up and receive their starter pack. Children can read whatever they like – fact or fiction, as long as the books are borrowed from the Library! This challenge encourages children to read a minimum of 8 books through the summer holiday period.

Book of the Month Thomastown Library are picking ‘Children’s Book of the Month’ titles for June, July and August. We choose the books – you read them, it’s as simple as that! This month’s picks are “Fing” by David Walliams and “Flying Tips for Flightless Birds” by Kelly McCaughrain. Call into the library and pick up a copy. Get your summer reading off to a flying start!

Computer Classes: Paul of Kilkenny Adult Learning Services has been teaching Computer Classes for beginners in Thomastown Library for several years now with great results! He will be returning in September. We will be offering the following classes: Free Beginner Computer Classes Free Driver Theory Test tuition Call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331.

St Kieran’s College Reunion 2019 the annual reunion dinner of all past pupils at St Kieran’s College. on Friday next, 21st June, at 7.30pm. Those celebrating special anniversaries who finished in 1959 (60 year); 1969 (50); 1989 (30); 1994 (25) and all in-between are specially welcomed. Dinner starts at 7.30pm and tickets (£25) are still available by calling 056 7721086 (Ext 100).

Irish Wheelchair Association Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is 086 2664669 for anyone in need.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 17th June to pray for vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

We welcome Sr. Mary Crowley, Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles from Cork who visits us this weekend to promote mission awareness at all Masses. The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles were founded in 1876 as a group of international women religious dedicated to spreading the Good News through service and witnessed of their lives. Today the OLA Sisters work in 19 countries in Africa, Europe and South America. Led by Christ’s message ‘to bring good news to the poor’, the Sisters strive to reach out through education, health care, pastoral care, inter-religious dialogue, care of the Earth and involvement in nonviolent action for justice.

If you have a safeguarding concern contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mr Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 dlp@ossory.ie

Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are Brigid Begley and Ray O’Carroll

They can be contacted through the Parish Office.