THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER 17th June 2018

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Parish Church
Sunday morning Funeral Mass 11.00am
Sunday Funeral Mass 02.00pm
Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07/08pm
Wednesday morning Lectio Divina 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm

Mass 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 23rd June at 5.45pm & 14th July at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Maura Murray, Jarrett Church & Angela O’Reilly, Kilkenny Road recently deceased. Esther & Jack Woods (7pm Mass); Shiva Kavanagh, Berkley Lawn (7pm Mass); Nicholas White, Knocknaboole (7pm Mass), Patrick & Mary Thorpe (09.30am Mass);

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Ned Dack, 26, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 7pm); Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Legan (7pm Mass); Jacob Lannon-Coone (11am Mass)

The Sacrament of Confirmation: The following presented themselves for the Sacrament which was conferred this Saturday morning at the 11am Mass.
Luke Bambrick, Dylan Barron, Catherine Barry, Holly Begley, Lily Brennan, Aoife Brett, Darren Butler, Laura Cairns, Marianne Callery, Alex Cass, A. J. Challoner, Rory Connelan, Ashton Conway, Nichole & Jack Woods (7pm Mass); Shiva Kavanagh, Berkley Lawn (7pm Mass); Nicholas White, Knocknaboole (7pm Mass), Patrick & Mary Thorpe (09.30am Mass);

Irish Wheelchair Association Church Gate Collection this weekend. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

All Church personnel have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. The New Revised Safeguarding Children Policy & standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016 is now available at www.safeguarding.ie

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children contact:
Tusla – Child and Family Agency: Kilkenny area: tel 059 9316570
Garda National Protective Services Bureau 01 666 3430 / 01 666 3435
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person – Mr. Cathal Cullen: 087 100 0232. Email: dlp@ossory.ie
Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 316 www.towardshealing.ie

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis says: ‘We cannot encourage a path of fidelity and mutual self-giving without encouraging the growth, strengthening and deepening of conjugal and family love. The word love is commonly used and often misused’. Pope Francis then reflects on love, based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Love is patient refers to the ‘quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offence. Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Patience takes root when I recognise that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like’. (Section 89-93) Are you patient?

ST. JOSEPH’S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 18th to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society sincerely thanks everyone who contributed to our recent Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday June 23rd. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.30am. Places still available Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat. Poster at the back of the Church.

World Meeting of Families Collection next weekend 23rd/24th June.

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.worldmeeting2018.ie.

CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th June

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 23rd June at 5.45pm & 14th July at 5.45pm

Irish Blood Transfusion Clinic will attend Abbey Hall, Graignamanagh Thursday 21st June from 5pm/8.30pm