**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**19th May 2019**

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 19th May**

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

**St. Columba’s Hospital**
- Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
- Tuesday, Thursday Mass 10.00am

**Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.**
- Mass in Chapel Hill 18th May at 5.30pm & 01st June at 5.30pm
- Mass in Mong 08th June at 5.30pm & 22nd June at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:**
- Michael Roche, Geragh, Farranfore, Co. Kerry (7pm Mass); Edward (Ned) Dack, 26, Castle Avenue (7pm Mass); Joe Murray, 41, Castle Avenue (09.30am Mass); Martin Morrissey, Station Road (Months Mind Mass 11am); Ellen Roche, Jerpoint Church (9.30am Mass Friday); Jack Lanigan, Badgerock; Margaret (Peggy) Phelan nee Milla, Boher; Billy Keating, Ballydonnell; Maureen Hennessy (nee Meegan), London & Ballyduff; Alicia Hughes, 31, Castle Avenue. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:**
- Patsy Bolger, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 7pm); Siobhan Stapleton, Killane (7pm Mass); Colin, Martin and Breda O’Neill, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); Niall Walsh, Station Road (11am Mass), James & Bee O’Mahony, Station Road (11am Mass).

**Lourdes Church Gate Collection** takes place this weekend 18th & 19th May 2019 in aid of Grennan College Lourdes Fund. Please support the six students from the Parish who will travel to Lourdes.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** holds its Church Door Collection next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Society telephone number Society is 086 2664669 for anyone in need.

May is referred to as the Month of Our Lady.

**Rosary Beads** are available near the statue of Mary. Give your family members a Rosary, and pray the Rosary, or even one decade, each day during this month. Please place €1 in the box for donations for candles for each Rosary.

This is a time to be in unity with the pilgrims from the Diocese in Lourdes.

As we pray a decade of the Rosary, consider it as though Mary were opening a photograph album and sharing with us some event in the life of her Son. We reflect on the ‘mystery’ and then recite the decade – Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and the Glory be……

**ST. JOSEPH’S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 20th May to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

**Thomastown Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm.

**Music in the Liturgy:**

A workshop for Singers, Choirs, Musicians and all who are interested in music in the liturgy Tuesday 11th June 2019 7.30pm - 9.30pm in St. Kieran’s College, Kilkenny. Workshop led by Dr John O’Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music, St. Patrick’s College Maynooth. Cost of Workshop, which includes a copy of “Feasts & Seasons 2” (with CD) €15. Booking: afd@ossory.ie or online www.ossory.ie

**Pastoral Areas:** Following consultation with the 42 Parishes throughout the Diocese during Lent, Bishop Farrell has formed 13 Pastoral Areas, and grouped Thomastown and Inistioge together, so the two parishes are asked to foster collaboration in the years ahead. Reps from the two Parish Pastoral Councils will meet to identify priorities for the Pastoral Area, 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 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.