

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th May 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th May

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	19 th May at 5.45pm & 2 nd June at 5.45pm.
Mass in Mong	09 th June at 5.45pm & 23 rd June at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **John (Jack) Lanigan**, Badgerock (7pm Mass); **Terry Beck & Anne Lannon**, (9.30am Mass); **Months Mind Mass: Ned Holohan**, Oldtown, (11am Mass); **Michael Roche**, Derah, Farranfore, Co. Kerry (11am Mass); **Peggy Phelan**, Boher; **Maureen Hennessy** (nee Meegan) Ballyduff & London; **Richard & Andrew Forristal, Bridget Power** and her son **Michael Power**, Castlevew, Grennan. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Siobhan Stapleton** (7pm Mass); **Ellen Roche**, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); **Breda O'Neill, 13, Dangan Terrace also Martin & Colm O'Neill; Tom & Anne Beck** (9.30am Mass); **Niall Walsh**, Station Road (11am Mass); **Margaret Carroll**, Hillview, Cloughabrody, (Months Mind Mass 11am).

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee the Finance Committee arranged for an engineer to carry out a survey of Chapel Hill and Mong churches. **Church goers of Chapel Hill** are invited to a meeting on Monday 21st at the Church at 7.30pm to consider the findings. The date for a meeting of the Church goers of Mong will be circulated when finalised. The reports are available on the parish website. If unable to access that, please call to the Parish Office for a copy of the report.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will take up a collection for the support of the education of Irish & Foreign Students for Priesthood this weekend 19th/20th May. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 21st to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

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

For Protection of Life of the Unborn Child: An evening of prayer will be held in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel on Tuesday next from 8/9.30pm. Please come and bring a friend. Friday 25th May the day of the Referendum has been declared a World-Wide Day of Prayer.

The Forthcoming Referendum: The eight Amendment to the Constitution, established in a Referendum in 1983, states 'The State acknowledges the right to the life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right. To repeal the eighth amendment means that the above text will be replaced 'that provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy'. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states 'Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his/her existence, a human being must be recognised as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life' (Section 2270). For many, the right to vote is a gift, and also a serious responsibility. As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost this weekend, ask the Holy Spirit to awaken in you the gift of wisdom when the time comes to vote.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: The youth Pilgrims from the Parish travelling on 22nd May to Lourdes have left petition slips at the back of the church. Please write your prayers on the slips and put them into the box provided. The students will take your prayers and place them in the petition box at the Grotto in Lourdes. Please do not put any donations into the box.

Conference: A Spirituality of Creation in Laudato Si & Patrick Kavanagh. This day will take place on May 26th, 2018 in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, with Sister Una Agnew. Times: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Cost: €10 (includes tea & coffee, please bring packed lunch), pay on the door. Booking essential. To book your place, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

In Caelo Chamber Choir, Inistioge with special guests The Portmarnock Singers present an Evening of Song Saturday, 26th May, 7.30pm, St. Kieran's College Chapel. Admission Free Collection in support of The Good Shepherd Centre, Kilkenny.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Coach Trip to Dublin, visiting The Little Museum of Dublin and EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum (the world's first fully digital museum). Saturday, May 26th. Cost €60 (€55 society members), includes coach, entrance to museums and evening meal at Wynns Hotel Dublin. Coach departs Mullinavat at 8am, arriving back at approximately 10pm. Booking and further information from either Brigid Barron (051 885300, 087 9507295 brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Eddie Synnott (051 880945, 086 8124349 edsynnott@yahoo.co.uk).

World Meeting of Families: to attend all or part of the events, register now for the Pastoral Congress on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. 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.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis states that 'if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the 'property' of another human being. The family protects human life in all its stages, including its last. Consequently, 'those who work in healthcare facilities are reminded of the moral duty of conscientious objection. Similarly, the Church not only feels the urgency to assert the right to a natural death, without aggressive treatment and euthanasia,' but likewise 'firmly rejects the death penalty'. (Section 84)