THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21st July
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
Lectio Divina will resume after the Summer
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 20th July at 5.30pm & 03rd August at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong 27th July at 5.30pm & 10th August at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. Joseph (Joe) Challoner, Cloughabrody (5.30pm Mass); Maria Hoban, Bawnseka (5.30pm Mass); Kathleen, William & Eamonn Barron, Bawnseka (7pm Mass); Edward & Catherine Cotterell, Browsbarn (7pm Mass); Vanessa McGarry, Jerpoint West (7pm Mass); Reid Family, Knockard Jim Reid, London formerly Knockard & Joe Reid, Knockard (11am Mass); Patrick & Mary Thorpe, Allen, Co. Kildare (11am Mass); Catherine Walsh (nee Denieffe), Newtown (11am Mass); David Doolan, Newtown; Seán Cottrell, Dobbins Mill, Inistioge; Jack Galway, Knockard; Edward Johnston late Ladywell killed at the Somme; Catherine & Thomas Johnston, late Ladywell and deceased members of their families; Declan Roe, Killane East; Thomas Aggie & Elsie Kelly, Jerpoint; James & Margaret Kelly, Knockbrack May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Annie Lennon, Legan (5.30pm Mass) St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is 086 2664469 for anyone in need

Cemetery Masses will be held at St. Mary’s Cemetery on Friday 2nd August at 8pm, and at the Cemetery at St. Columba’s Hospital on Thursday 8th August at 10am. Thank you for your attentiveness to the graves. When yours has been looked after, if there is one near yours that may have no one to look after it, you might give little time to it too. And those plastic wreaths….. plastic can survive for centuries, but when the wreaths get a bit tired looking, do consider taking them home with you, please.

Invitation to sing at the Cemetery Mass in Thomastown: The Cemetery Mass in Thomastown will be held on Friday 2nd August at 8pm. People from all choirs and others who wish to sing at the Mass are invited to a practice on Thursday 1st August at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Bridge Kirwan will lead the choir this year. Most people will know the hymns that are being sung. All are welcome.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Island takes place on Sunday July 28th, bus leaving the Quay car park at 12.00 noon: to book your seat please contact Marian at 086-0693510. Poster at the back of the Church.

The Priory Institute: Study Theology Online. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Flexible accessible Courses. Register now for Autumn 2019. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Check the website www.prioryinstitute.com

Anniversary Masses: as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass. It has become very difficult to accommodate the number of Masses requested on particular weekends. If that doesn’t suit, the Mass can be offered at our weekday Masses, Monday to Friday.

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.

Senior Citizens Day Trip: Tuesday 30th July to Croke Park and Dinner. £15 per person (£5 extra for skyline tour) bus leaving at 8.45am. Names to the shop on Thursday or Fridays.

GROW Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday @ 8pm Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny. (CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness. Please contact Mary 087 2843424

Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Briege McKenna Saturday 31st August 2019 Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available on Eventbrite.ie .

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.

Safeguarding If you have a safeguarding concern contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Mr Cathal Cullen
087 100 0232
dlp@ossory.ie
The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are
Brigid Begley and Ray O’Carroll
They can be contacted through the Parish Office.

Our daily lives are made up of a round of chores and duties which fall into two categories: the urgent, and the essential. Many of the things we do could be said to be urgent, but only a few are truly essential. We must distinguish between the two. Like Martha in the Gospel this weekend, we tend to give priority to the urgent. The essential, the one thing necessary, gets postponed until later, when, if it is done at all, it is done hurriedly and badly. How can we tell what our priorities are? The best way to recognise our actual priorities is to reflect on our normal behaviour. What do we give most time to? What gets most of our energy? These are our priorities in fact. It may take a tragedy or an emergency to put things into perspective for us, and to remind us of what really matters. (Flor McCarthy, SDB)