THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 21st October

Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
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Wednesday Lectio Divina 10.00am
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
20th October at 5.45pm & 03rd November at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong
27th October at 5.45pm & 10th November at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Lila Valley, 1 Cloughabrody (Months Mind Mass 7pm); John Stapleton, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); Michael Conlon, Legan (7pm Mass); Nancy Carroll, Ladywell (Months Mind Mass 11am); Kathleen Stapleton, Legan (11am Mass); Elizabeth Walsh, Kilmurray; Peter Fitzsimons, 6, Newtown Tce. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Kathleen Barron, Ballyconway (7pm Mass); Molly Lawlor, Maudlin Street (9.30am Mass); Jimmy O’Keeffe (11am Mass); Stephen & Charlie Behan (11am Mass).

October Stations Please remember to support the priest in the Parish financially. If you haven’t got an envelope, please put your offering in an ordinary envelope, with your name and address.

Parish Finance Meeting Monday 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 22nd 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 next weekend 27th /28th October. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is 086-2664669 for anyone in need.

Camogie County Final: Good luck to Thomastown ladies, playing against Piltown on Sunday.

The Three Tenors in Concert on Friday 9th November 8pm in Thomastown Parish Church. The Three Tenors are joined by Choirs from Grennan College and St. Mary’s National School. Tickets €25, available at the Parish Office, Liam Reddy, Ladywell & O’Keeffe’s Shop, Market Street.

Do This in Memory Programme 11am Mass next Sunday 28th October.

Our parish November Mass for those who have died during the past year and for all the dead will be held on Saturday 3rd November at 7pm.

Fr. Peter McVerry will launch Janet’s new novel SAVOIR on Wednesday 24th October in Langton’s Ballroom at 8pm. Everyone is most cordially invited.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw: Due to Halloween and the mid-term break it has been decided to bring the October Diocesan Draw forward to Wednesday, 24th October at 8.00 pm. It is not too late to join. Call to Reddy’s, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

Thomastown Library 056 7794331 News:-
Walk your way to a healthy, happy life: KRSP have organised a series of guided walks for adults around Thomastown. Meet at Thomastown Library on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Suitable for men and women of all ages and physical activity levels.

Children’s Storytelling: Storytelling will take place on Saturdays at 11am. Just come along.

Irish Conversation Class: If you would like to start to learn Irish or hope to practise the “cupla focal” you remember from school, drop in to the library or call 056 7794331.

Reuse, Remake, Reimagine Workshop for Children with Zoe Wong Wednesday 24th October 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Local designer Zoe Wong will teach the children how to make soft toys from old socks. The workshop will teach fabric cutting and hand-sewing skills. The final product will be a cute cuddly toy cat that is filled with fabric cuttings (a recyclable by-product of the fashion industry). The workshop will be suitable for ages 6 to 12. Booking essential on 056 7794331.


Gowran Pantomime Society are currently seeking new adult cast members (minimum age 18 years old) for this year’s production and are hoping to get members from surrounding parishes involved. A casting/information session on Wednesday 24th October at 8pm in Gowran Parish Hall.

Come & See: Exploring Priesthood Retreat 23rd/24th November at Mount St. Anne’s, Killenard, Portarlington. The cost, €30, includes accommodation and meals. For information email info@vocations.ie or your local priest.

Parishioners Weekly Prayer: We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may always be ready to listen to the needs of others and to give them the help that is right for them.

Mission Sunday. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation each Christian is sent forth to be a missionary, ‘a missionary disciple.’ The Church as a whole is called to ‘go forth’ to bring the words of eternal life to all the peripheries of our world. Pope Francis asked us while in Dublin, to ‘Share the Gospel of the family as joy for the world!!’ Pope Francis reminds us that ‘Christian Families are Missionary Families’. We are asked this week to pray for and befriend missionaries. So, if you know a missionary who has gone abroad to tell the world of Jesus, think of them and maybe send them a greeting to encourage them in their calling. We also are asked to support them financially, and so we have our Church door collection this weekend. Donations from World Mission Sunday will support over 1,069 mission dioceses that are struggling to support themselves.