Thomastown Parish Newsletter

22nd July 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 22nd 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
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 04th August at 5.45pm & 18th August
Mass in Mong 28th July at 5.45pm & 11th August at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Martin Morrissey, Ardacrusa and formerly Station Road, Maria Hoban, Bawnshea (5.45pm Mass); Joseph (Joe) Challoner, Cloughbroady (5.45pm Mass), Vanessa McGarry (7pm Mass), Richard, Joe, Greta and James Reid, Knockard (11am Mass), Sean Cottrell, Kilcullen, Brian Daly, Jerpoint Church, Anna and Michael Doyle, Legan, Bridget Maher, Tullaroan, Declan Roe, Kilfane East, James and Margaret Kelly, Knockbrack, Thomas, Margaret and Elsie Kelly, formerly Jerpoint, William Butler, Cloughsregg, Daphne Dempsey, Cloughsregg, Mary & Hugh Sauvage May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Catherine Walsh, Newtown (11am Mass)

Car Boot Sale Sunday beginning at 12 noon at Thomastown GAA grounds. Admission for sellers: car, €20, small van/car with trailer €25. Free admission for buyers. Come and sell, come and buy!!

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society: Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Island takes place on Sunday July 22nd. Bus leaving the Quay at 12.00 noon. To book a place contact Marian 086-0093510.

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.

Thank You Sister Renate, of the Servants of the Holy Spirit Missionary Congregation who spoke at Masses last weekend, wrote to thank the people of Thomastown for the welcome she received, for the prayers, and for the generous contribution which came to €1043.67. To find out more about the Sisters and their mission, see www.worldssps.org

Thank you for €460 for the Peter’s Pence collection last weekend.

Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee will hold a Church gate collection next weekend.

Don’t forget that the Cemetery Mass will take place on Friday 3rd August at 8pm.

World Meeting of Families: get details on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. On Wednesday 22nd August 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.

Croke Park - Festival of Families - Saturday August 25th Each Parish in Ireland is asked to nominate a family to attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park with Pope Francis at 7.30 pm on Saturday August 25th. Every Parish in the country will be allocated 10 tickets for this event.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 16th August – Sunday 19th August 2018. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie

St. Mary’s Cathedral Draw: The June Draw, the fourth of the current round of Draws, will take place this coming Wednesday at the Chapter House. It is not too late to join. Call to Reddy’s, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

Online Theology Course: Study theology by distance learning, attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – why not join us this autumn? Register by September 25th.

Kilkenny County Council are reviewing the Local Area Plan for Thomastown (2009). The Pre-draft Issues Paper for the review of the Thomastown Local Area Plan and preparation of a new Plan for 2019-2025 was recently published, with the public consultation period running until 5pm on the 27th of July 2018. As part of this consultation we are inviting all interested parties including residents, business owners, groups, youth groups, sports groups and other stakeholders to make submissions on the pre-draft Issues Paper and any other themes which may be considered relevant to the preparation of the Thomastown Local Area Plan.

All Church personnel have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe land 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 9136570. 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 reflects beautifully on St. Paul’s First letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13. Love rejoices with others. ‘We rejoice at the good of others when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them’ (Sections 109, 110). How does this resonate with your experience?