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Friday 28th December Mass 10.00am
Saturday 29th December Mass 07.00pm
Sunday 30th December Mass 11.00am
Monday 31st December Mass 10.00am
Wednesday 2nd January Mass 10.00am
Friday 4th January Mass 10.00am
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Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day Mass 09.30am
Thursday 27th December Mass 10.00am
Sunday 30th January Mass 09.30am
Tuesday 01st January Mass 10.00am
Thursday 03rd January Mass 10.00am
Sunday 06th January Feast of the Epiphany Mass 09.30am

CHAPEL HILL
Monday 24th December Christmas Eve Mass 08.00pm
Saturday 29th December & 05th January Mass 05.45pm

MONG
Saturday 22nd December Mass 05.45pm
Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day Mass 10.30am

Death/Anniversaries: Christian Freil, Cloghbagrody, who died recently. Margaret & Philomena Behan (11am Mass); John Butler, Pleberstown; Kathleen Holden, Knockbrack; Luke Donnelly, Jerpoint Church; Mary Kelly, 42, Newtown Tce; Patrick Doyle, Kilfane. Nora and Jackie Dumpy, Dangan Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Josie Lannon, 34, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind 7pm Mass); Jim & Teresa Lee, 39, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Patricia Carolan, Dublin (7pm Mass); Trevor Minogue, 15, Newtown Terrace & Gerry Minogue (7pm Mass); Matthew Kearney, Ballydonnell (7pm Mass); Michael Kearney, Ballydonnell (7pm Mass); Mary Langton nee Brophy, Australia; (7pm Mass); Sean O’Sullivan & Dan O’Sullivan, Burrellspark (11am Mass)

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07.00pm Sr. Anna Teresa Cassin Helen Comerford
11.00am KC Bubu Sharon Bambrick Carmel Coone

Ministers of the Word for January. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm 09.30am
Alicia Dunphy Mairead O’Keeffe Frances Roche
David McPherson Bernie Egan Michael O’Brien

Christmas Offerings will be gratefully received. If you haven’t an envelope, please put your donation in an ordinary envelope with your name and address. You may find it more convenient to set up a Standing Order using the following information: Account Name: Thomastown Church Parochial Current Account. BIC: BOFIIE2D. IBAN: IE39BOFI90609911711780.

Give up yer aul Bikes for Africa” The Rotary Club of Kilkenny at Dunmore Recycling Centre are collecting unwanted bikes and forwarding them to people in Africa. Bikes will be first transported to Loughan House Open Prison in Cavan, refurbished by prisoners and transported to Africa. Please “Re-Cycle” and help transform the daily lives of other less fortunate.

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?
GROW is here to help you: Our 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

Parish Office: The Office will be closed this week and will reopen Wednesday 02nd January. Meanwhile, please email anniversaries or leave a note in the Letter Box at the Parish Office. The next News Letter will be 6th January 2019.

Parish Prayer: We pray for those in our Parish community who are isolated and lonely at this time; that they will be consoled by the presence of Jesus whose love will provide strength and comfort.

Christmas is a time of opportunity. It creates a climate which encourages us to reveal our better natures. Just as the spring assures the growth of crops, so Christmas assures the growth of love.

Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. It was God who started it all when he gave us the gift of his Son. At the same time, it reveals to us what the human heart is capable of. Christmas causes us to open our hearts. And the extent to which we open our hearts to God and to one another, will be the extent to which we experience the ‘great joy’ the angels announced to the shepherds, because joy is the fruit of love.

Nollaig shona daoibhse. Happy Christmas! Joyeux Noël!
Frohe Weinachten! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale!
Felicz Natal! Vrolijk kerstfeest!
Wesołych świąt Bożego Narodzenia, Kristhamas aSaSamsaka!
And all good wishes and blessings for 2019!!

And a prize to the first five young people drawn from the hat who identify the languages above.