THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23rd June
Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel
Tuesday School Mass 10.00am
Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm

St. Columba's Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 11.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
Mass in Chapel Hill 29th June at 5.30pm & 06th July at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong 22nd June at 5.30pm & 13th July at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. Patricia Neville, Norelands, Stoneyford recently deceased. Patrick Ryan, Legan (7pm Mass); Jim Doherty, Carrickmoune (9.30am Mass); Maura Murray, Jerpoint Abbey (11am Mass); Jacob Lannon Coone, 54, Mallfield, (10am Mass Tuesday); Patrick Doolan, 6, Castle Avenue; Nicholas Walsh, Jerpoint Abbey; Monica Villillard formerly Jerpoint Abbey; Mary Ryan formerly Kilfane; Mary Kate, Johnny, Ber & Patrick Tusa Doolan Newtown; Michael Walsh, Cappagh, Thomastown; James & Mary Cassin, Thomas & Patrick Cassin, Coolroemore; Catherine & Liam Rice, Carlow. May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Brendan Griffin, Colmille (7pm Mass).
Do This in Memory Mass 11am this Sunday.

St. Mary’s National School holds Mass at the Parish Church on Tuesday at 11.30am to mark the close of the School year 2018-2019. Meanwhile, best wishes to the young people completing Leaving and Junior Certificate exams these days. For all our young people may these summer days be good days, as they grow ‘in wisdom, age and grace’. Please God this will be a safe time too, as young people play and work. May they take good care and be safe.

Sister Mary Crowley of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles spoke with us at Mass last weekend. Check out their impressive story on their website www.olaireland.ie

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is 086 2664669 for anyone in need.

Annual Church Door Collection for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life next weekend.

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.

Thomastown Parish Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

The Blood Donation Clinic will be held at St Mary’s N.S. Thomastown on Wednesday 26th June 2019 from 5pm – 8.30pm. You or yours may need blood sometime, so be generous now.

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.

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.

A Rally for Life will be held in Dublin City Centre on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.00pm. Mass at 1.00pm in St Saviours, Dominic Street. Bus leaving Loughboy at 10.30am, due back at 6.00pm. Contact Ron at 086 669 6632. Lifts to Kilkenny from Thomastown and Inistioge can be arranged.

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. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday @ 8pm. Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny. 
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The John Needs Pembro Fundraising Committee has permission to fundraise around Croke Park on the day of the Leinster senior Hurling Final. This is an opportunity to raise funds to help John Holmes pay for an infusion of his cancer medication Pembrolizumab. John has been fighting cancer for seven years and last October he was prescribed 30 infusions of the drug. Unfortunately, as it is not licensed by the HSE for his rare cancer, he must pay for this treatment out-of-pocket. Each infusion costs €5,111.50 (incl. VAT). The Committee is fundraising to relieve him of this financial stress. If anyone would like to help us in Dublin by shaking a bucket for an hour or two before the match, please contact Kieran at 085 1620 321 or e-mail johnneedspembro2018@gmail.com

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace one step at time. Phone 01 5053028; email towardspeace@iecon.ie; web www.towardspeace.ie

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for “Body of Christ”) is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the elements of the Eucharist. The feast has been held since 1246. This festival is celebrated to proclaim the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body of Christ during Mass. The feast is marked with processions with the Blessed Sacrament. The girls and boys who received First Communion in May will process with the Blessed Sacrament in Church at 11 am Mass this weekend.

Pedro Arrupe SJ, a prophetic leader of the Jesuits, 1907-1991, said ‘If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world. … we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.’

Weight management and healthy lifestyle. 6-week course run over 10 weeks to get you into the body you can be comfortable with. €15 per class. Ring 0868203521 for more details and to book.