THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20th January
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
Wednesday Lectio Divina 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm
St. Columba’s Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly 10.00am
Thursday Mass 10.00am

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
Mass in Chapel Hill 02nd February at 5.45pm 16th February at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 26th January at 5.45pm & 09th February at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Tom Grace, Newtown Tce (7.00pm Mass); Julie Stapleton, 7 Dangan Terrace (11.00am Mass); Angela Walsh, Friars Hill (9.30am Mass Friday); Margaret Doolan, Newtown; John & Sarah Maher, Durrow; Mary Stapleton, Maudlin Street; Denis Cassin, Coolroebeg; Fr. Leonard & Pat Forristal. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Finbar Phelan, 10, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Brohna Woods, 2, Newtown Terrace (11am Mass)

Do This in Memory Programme takes place this Sunday at 11am Mass.

Parish Finance Meeting Monday at 7.30pm in Parish Office.

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

Enable Ireland Church Gate Collection next weekend 02nd/03rd February.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw: The January draw takes place on Wednesday next at 8pm. It is not too late to join. Call to Reddy’s, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

Catholic Schools Week runs from 27th January to 3rd February. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Celebrating the work of our local Catholic Schools. On Wednesday Third Class in our National school celebrates Grandparents Day, inviting Grandparents to 9.30am Mass, followed with a visit to the School and a cuppa. So we’re saying thanks to all the people involved in the life of our National School, and to the Grandparents who show such love for their grandchildren, and nourish their faith too! 'It takes a village to raise a child’ is attributed to an African proverb. It is difficult to trace its origins, but it does hold the true spirit of many African cultures, meaning that irrespective of a child’s biological parents, its upbringing belongs to the community.

St. Brigid’s Day Service: The 19th St. Brígid’s Day Service will take place in St. Fiacre’s Church Loughboy on Friday February 1st at 7.30pm. Holy water from the Well of St. Brígid in Kildare and the traditional Red Flannel will be available. Music Ministry by The Kilganny Gospel Choir

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture: The 1918-19 Housing Crisis. Speaker: Catherine Scuffil. Thursday, January 31st, 2019 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church).

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place in this parish on Friday 12th April at 11am. For those preparing to receive the Sacrament, Enrolment takes place at the 7pm Mass on Saturday 2nd February.

Fiver Friday: The School of Food pop up restaurant will be open from 12pm – 2pm every Friday serving a delicious lunch! We will also have a take away option available from 11.30am. All dishes £5 or whatever you would like to donate.

Ministers of the Eucharist February:
- 07.00pm Anne Lee
- 11.00am Kathleen Gaffney

Ministers of the Word for February:
- 07.00pm Jim Fitzmaurice
- 11.00am Majella Morrissey

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email gwenmore@ossory.ie

Review of 2018 Christmas Carol Service: Feedback from one of the participants: ‘The duration of the carol service this year at 1 hour was perfect and I really enjoyed all the performances. I especially thought the 12 days of Christmas was great as all the parishioners were involved and it was good fun. Looking forward to the next one’.

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

Final Document of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment has been published, and can be accessed on the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. Have a read of it. It is described as a ‘roadmap’, to guide the way forward for the coming years.

Parish Prayer: We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may always do our best to help others, to share what we have and to share the good news with people who are poor.

Safeguarding If you have a safeguarding concern contact the
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The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are
Brigid Begley and Ray O’Carroll
They can be contacted through the Parish Office.