Exams: These days many second and third level students have exams. To include them in parish prayer put the names in the books in the Parish Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in Thomastown at the 11 am Mass on Saturday 16th June.

Cemetery Masses: Mass at St. Columba’s Hospital Cemetery on Tuesday 5th June at 10am. Cemetery Mass at Colmcille on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm. Cemetery Mass at St. Mary’s New Cemetery on Friday 8th August at 8pm.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society : Icon of the Holy Family for WMOF: St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Cathedral from 6pm to 9pm on Monday June 11th led by Fr. Kieran O’Shea for Vocations to Priesthood in the Diocese as part of the visit of the Icon. There will be no Adoration in Thomastown on that evening. All welcome to the Cathedral even for a short while.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday June 23rd. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.30am. Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat. Poster at the back of the Church.

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee the Finance Committee arranged for an engineer to carry out a survey of Chapel Hill and Mong churches. Church goers of Mong are invited to a meeting on Monday 28th at the Church at 7.30pm to consider the findings. The report is available on the parish website. If unable to access that, please call to the Parish Office for a copy of the report.

The June Collection for the support of the priests is coming round now. If you haven’t got envelopes, contact the Office, or put your contribution in an ordinary envelope with your name and address.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Draw: The May Draw, the third 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.

Senior Citizen’s Annual Holiday - Bus leaving Community Centre on Saturday June 2nd at 9am. Looking forward to seeing you all. Further information contact Roseleen Garry 087 6912990.

Kilkenny Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre, Carer’s Support Group, Tuesday 5th June 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer’s/Dementia. Everyone welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

Lough Derg: Come home to the love of God’s Family on Lough Derg. Pilgrimage Season opened on Saturday 5th May 2018. One Day Retreats or Three-Day Pilgrimages are available. For information contact 071 9861518 or www.loughderg.org.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis states, appropriately when we celebrate the Trinity, that the Trinity is revealed with the features of a family. The family is the image of God, who is a communion of persons. At Christ’s Baptism, the Father’s voice was heard, calling Jesus his beloved Son, and in this love we can recognise the Holy Spirit. Jesus not only returned marriage and the family to their original form, but also raised marriage to the sacramental sign of his love for the Church. In the human family, ‘the image and likeness’ of the Most Holy Trinity has been restored, the mystery from which all true love flows. Through the Church, marriage and the family receive the grace of the Holy Spirit from Christ, in order to bear witness to the Gospel of God’s love. (Section 71)