**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**28th APRIL 2019**

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 28th April**

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**Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.**

- **Mass in Chapel Hill:** 04th May at 5.30pm & 18th May at 5.30pm
- **Mass in Mong:** 27th April at 5.30pm & 11th May at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:**
- Patrick (Patsy) Bolger, 3, Castle Avenue, Matthew Dunne, Hillview, recently deceased.
- Mary Dunne, Jerpoint (7pm Mass); Paddy Carroll, Ladywell (7pm Mass);
- Mattie & Pat Lawlor, Maudlin Street (9.30am Mass); Johnny Dalton, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass);
- Hannah Cotterell, Brownsbarn; Joseph O’Reilly, Ladywell Street; John Furlong, Coppenagh; Helen Shanahan, Nore View Crescent. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** Brigid Bookle, Bawnskeha (5.30pm Mass); Delia Roche Grennan (9.30am Mass); Michael Kelly, Kilfane West (Months Mind Mass 11am); Jim Kearney (11am Mass).

**Church Gate Collection Alzheimer’s Society** this weekend

- **Ministers of the Eucharist May:**
  - 07.00pm: Teresa Cassin, Fiona Fitzpatrick, St. Bernadette
  - 11.00am: Majella Morrissey, Carmel Coone, K C Babu

- **Ministers of the Word month of May:**
  - 07.00pm: Ann Casey, Vera Lanigan, Mary Doyle
  - 09.30am: Siobhan Collier, Margaret Freyne, Chrissie Keating

**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.

**First Day of the Week:**

- Welcome to Ella Margaret Walsh, Berkley Lawn; Sadhbh Sherry, Newtown Terrace; Lily Aife Lynch, Brownsbarn; Amelia Kelly, Brownsbarn; Lilah Rose Sharkey, London, baptised into the family of God recently.

- Don’t forget Trocaire. Your contributions will make a difference. Get the boxes back soon.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** meets Wednesday 1st May.

**Special Sunday Opening at the Watergarden in Thomastown** on 28th April. Vintage cars on display from 12 until 2.30pm. Seed Swap and Café and Garden Centre open from 11 until 3.

**Do This in Memory Programme**

- 11am Mass next Sunday

**The Ossory Times**, our quarterly Diocesan magazine, sharing the life of our Diocese, is available after Masses this weekend. Please take one, costing only €2.

**The Cathedral Draw**, held monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, will be held on Wednesday 1st May. It is not too late to join, so call to Reddy’s, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

**Collection for the Holy Places:** Thanks for contributing €350 to our collection on Good Friday.

**Accord** provides courses for people preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and is looking for people who will train and after training run Pre-Marriage courses. Marriage is such a huge step that we owe it to those getting married presently to help them prepare well for a commitment of maybe 60 years. You may be the person to assist. Check the Accord website – www.accord.ie, contact Aisling on 01 5053112, or email info@accord.ie

**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 glenmore@ossory.ie

**Easter offerings** are one of the six contributions to support the priests of our Parishes. Fr. Dan appreciates your support. Please get the envelopes back presently, and if you haven’t received envelopes, please contact the Office or place it, with your name and address, in an ordinary envelope.

**St. Mary’s National School** are running a clothing collection in conjunction with Bag2School. This can include adult and children’s clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags and teddies. The LauraLynn House will also receive an additional 10% from Bag2School. The LauraLynn House is the only Children’s Hospice in Ireland. Please leave any unwanted clothes to the school up to Wednesday, 15th May.

**New Mission Team in Ossory Diocese:** The formation of a new Mission Team in Ossory diocese is being explored. Its aim will be to promote and foster mission awareness in parishes and in the diocese. Interested parishioners and especially those who have worked overseas on mission/development work are invited and welcome to become involved. Enquiries to Fr Sean O’Connor on 086 3895911 or email rsoc1973@gmail.com

**Thomastown Library News:** Cíocraí Comhra our Irish conversation group is going strong and meet in the library on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along and have a chat. Slan go fiúil... the next meeting of the Irish conversation group Cíocraí Comhra - will be on Wednesday May 1st at 6.30pm.

**Family Carers Ireland** - support group meeting for Relatives of a Loved One with Mental Health Issues on Wednesday, 1st May at 7pm in the Resource Centre in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

**Come along to KBC Hub,** The Parade, Kilkenny at 9.00am on April 30th to hear from Ruth Maher, Day Care Manager at The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Kilkenny. The session will give an overview of dementia, how people are affected by it and the services and supports provided by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in Kilkenny for both carers and people living with dementia. There will be an opportunity for a Q&A and open discussion at the end of the event so that attendees can share experiences and look for advice and supports. Please RSVP to joanne.williamson@alzheimer.ie