THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
28th January 2018

A small number of the calendars are still available from the Parish Office for anyone who may still wish to purchase.

Catholic Schools Week: This week is designated Catholic Schools Week, with its theme ‘Called to be a family of families’, appropriately as we mark the World Meeting of Families this year.

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.

If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

Community Centre: Kilquuan Players are coming to the Concert Hall on Friday & Saturday 02nd & 03rd February with a comedy called “The Maiden Aunt”. Tickets are €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel to Lourdes, May 22nd to 27th. inc. 2018. Book with Elea nor @ 051 880414 (weekdays except Wednesday 9.30am-1.30pm) or glenmore@ossory.ie. The fare is €785pps

Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10/11am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07/08pm
Wednesday morning Lectio Divina 10.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm
St. Columba’s Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
Tuesday, Thursday Mass 10.00am
Confessions 11am Saturday and after 7pm Mass when requested.

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 03rd February 17th February at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 27th January 10th February at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Trevor Minogue & his father Jerry (Months Mind Mass 7pm Sat); Thomas Grace, 43, Newtown Terrace (9.30am Mass Sun); Mary Stapleton & Deceased Members of Stapleton Family, Maudlin Street (11am Mass Sun); Margaret Doolan, Newtown Terrace; Denis Cassidy, Coolroebeg; Katie Holohan (nee Roc), Noreview Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intenions Next Weekend: Joe Minogue, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass). Thomas & Margaret Tyrrell (11am Mass)

Anniversary Masses: Over the past few months it has become increasingly difficult to accommodate the number of Anniversary Masses requested in the weekend Mass schedule. With immediate effect, as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months mind remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Ruadhan Michael Croke O’Neill, Dunan; Rory Brendan Hearne, Vancouver; Cian Andrew Murphy, Powerswood baptised into the family of God recently.

Ministers of the Eucharist month Feb.: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Sr. Bernadette Anne Treacy Michael Pierr
11.00am Marian Fennelly Tom Walsh Majella Morrissey

Ministers of the Word for Feb.: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm. 09.30am 11.00am
Aleena Benny Sr. Anna Chrissie Keating
Margaret Freyne Bernadette Bradshaw Rita Doyle

Parish Prayer: Father in heaven, we pray for our parish, families and friends: we pray especially for all who are suffering in any way. We pray that through our help, they may be guided out of their difficulties and experience the love and peace of Jesus Christ.
**Mass Cards:** People continue to pray, and have Mass offered for people when times are difficult, or good, or at the time of death. Signed Mass Cards & Mass Bouquets will be available at the Parish Office, and at the Churches of the Parish. At the Churches, please call to the Sacristy.

**Accord - Dates for Pre-Marriage Courses 2018:** January - 19th/20th; February - 23rd/24th; March 23rd/24th; April 27th/28th; May 25th/26th; June 22nd/23rd; Seville Lodge Callan Road Kilkenny Friday night 7.30pm to 10pm, Saturday 10am to 5.30pm, Light Lunch - 1pm to 2pm, Cost €150.00. Contact: Mary Curtin at 056 7722674 or book online at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

**MABS:** The Kilkenny Money Advice & Budgeting Service, at 8, William St., Kilkenny, provides a Free and Confidential money management and advice service to everyone. Its main purpose is to assist people in dealing with their existing debt difficulties and to help them begin to manage their finances. Contact No. 076 1072610.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** The Ossory Adult Faith Development group are organising a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In October 2018 (2nd -10th) you will have an opportunity to prayerfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus around many of the locations that framed his life and ministry. Visit Jerusalem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane and many other places as we reflect on the life of Jesus and his earliest followers. Pilgrimage Chaplains: Fr Kieran O’Shea & Fr Dermot Ryan. Return flights and accommodation €1,295 per person sharing (single rooms also available with supplement). More information at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) or from the AFD Office 056-7753624.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com. MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518. IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510. Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com. Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com).

**To more mundane but necessary things** ........ Envelopes are currently being distributed throughout the Parish for the support of Parish projects, and ordinary running costs, and for the support of the Parish Priest. If you don’t receive envelopes, please contact the Parish Office – you may not be on Parish list, so it will be good to include you. We need your financial support.

Regarding the method of payment, The Finance Committee suggests that 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.

**The Irish Catholic Newspaper** is available in O’Keeffes in Market Street each week from Thursdays.