

Monster Bingo In Aid Of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. A Monster Bingo with €15,000 prize money will be held in Cillín Hill Kilkenny on Sunday 18th October at 3.00 p.m. in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Gowran Parish Bingo Committee will run this Bingo. Books €15 and €20. Single Sheets (3 in number) €2. Raffle tickets €2 or more. Please support.

Shoes for Refugees Appeal: Grennan college 3rd year C.S.P.E class led by their teacher Mr. Dunne are collecting old shoes to donate to the refugees as part of their action project "The role of the Irish navy in the European migrant crisis". Any shoes in relatively good condition will be accepted. Shoes can be dropped off at the reception in Grennan College, or give them to a Grennan student to bring to School. 'We can't walk in their shoes; maybe they can walk in ours'.

Ossory Diocesan Draw: The October Draw takes place on Wednesday 28th. To enter contact Murphy's in Market Street or the Parish Office. The Sept. winners list is in the Church porch. Congratulations to Stephen O'Connor, a local winner in September.

St Canice's Parish Light of Hope Project: St Canice's Parish Community are holding a series of Talks & Events entitled **The Light of Hope** during the month of October. The next talk is on Wed. 21st October - Cardinal Cormac Murphy O' Connor (Emeritus Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster). For further Information contact St Canice's Parish Centre, Dean Street, Kilkenny T. 056 7721533. See full details on - stcanices@ossory.ie, www.stcanicesparish.ie, www.ossory.ie.

Thomastown Community Centre: The Community Centre has organized a bag pack at Super Valu, Thomastown on Friday 23rd October from 10am to 6pm and on Saturday 24th from 10am to 6pm. We would very much appreciate your help if you could spare an hour or two on either day. Please contact Seamus on 087 7728170. Proceeds will go towards plastering the front of the Concert Hall.

Grinds ás Gaelige: Irish grinds available to any interested party. Contact Annette on: 086 2094248

The Foróige DRUM Youth and Family Project plan to roll out the *Common Sense Parenting* (CSP) programme in autumn 2015 and are currently seeking participants. To find out more about this programme and how you can get involved please contact Kate Carroll, Foróige DRUM Youth & Family Project, on 086 7736975 or via email to kate.carroll@foroige.ie

Jumpstart! Get Out and About and Keep Active with Go For Life Games for Older Adults: Go for Life is a national organisation that aims to get older people more active, more often through recreational sport. In Kilkenny, there is an opportunity to participate in these games on Tuesday nights in The Watershed at 8.30pm. Over the last two years, the choice of activities has built up, with the group now regularly taking part in Short Mat Bowling, Chair Based Exercise and even Walking Football!! If you would like to take part, you can turn up on the night or contact Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership to register on 056 7794991. The games start back on Tuesday night, the 20th of **October. All are welcome!**

FREE 4 Week Walking Programme in Kilkenny City: Get out and about and explore some of the walking routes at your own pace, in Kilkenny City with walking leader, Margaret O Keefe. A walking group is a safe and social way of getting more active and Kilkenny has some beautiful accessible routes. Walks leave Canal Square at 10am on Tuesday mornings.

"The Church's mission is concerned with both the temporal and eternal needs of people, an "integral development open to the Absolute." For Christ has brought ABUNDANT LIFE: "I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10)."

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THOMASTOWN PARISH Newsletter



PARISH OFFICE

Notices for the Newsletter must be placed in the letter box before Thursday 12 noon for inclusion in the coming weekend's Newsletter.

MARRIAGES

All people planning Marriage in Church in Thomastown must give at least three months notice to the Parish. Please contact the Office or one of the Priests. With such a significant step for life, it is important that couples intending Marriage undergo a course of Marriage Preparation. Accord is the official provider of Pre-Marriage courses.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and on 2nd Sunday of each month after 11.00am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office, tel 056-7793191 or email: thomastown@ossory.ie



18th October 2015

**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Mission Sunday**

'The primary mission of the Church is to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people will be brought into communion with the living God and into the fullness of the kingdom.'

See Charlie Bird's report on the Missions on www.wmi.ie.

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 18th October 2015

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Adoration Monday	02/08pm
	Lectio Divina Wednesday	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Mong	Saturday evening 24 th October Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill Saturday evening 17th October, 31st October at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong Saturday evening 24th October, 14th November at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries; Laurence Holden, Knockbrack (7pm Mass); Larry Stapleton (9.30am Mass); Kathleen Stapleton, Legan (11am Mass); Kathleen & Andrew Barron (9.30am Mass Friday); Martin & Ellen Doyle, Columcille. May they rest in peace.

Mission Sunday Each year during October we are asked to think of the Missionary Church, the work of missionaries, and the people to whom they go to bring the Good News of God's love. This weekend, a collection for the Missions will be held as we hold Mission Sunday.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society will hold its monthly collection next weekend 24th and 25th October. The contact number for the Society is **086 2664669**.

Mong church was first opened in 1790. At first it was a thatched Church, with a clay floor. In 1890 it was roofed with slate and two gable end doors were shut. The people of Mong are very proud of 'their' Church building and have been busy preparing for Mass next Friday 23rd October, at 7.30pm to mark 225 years of prayer there. You are welcome to the gathering.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Families are encouraged to make an effort to say a decade of the Rosary each day.

Do This In Memory Programme next Sunday 11am Mass.

October is also the time for the **October Stations**, with those envelopes for the support of the priest of the parish. Please return them as soon as you can, and thank you. No envelope,,, simply put your name and address on one and return it to us.

Blood Donor Clinic: Thursday 22nd October from 4.30pm /8pm at the Abbey Hall, Graiuenamanagh.

Laudato si: For the past few weeks we have been picking Pope Francis' brain as he wrote about our common home, and an ecological conversion. Come to read the Pope's letter, with others who are interested, beginning Monday 19th October at 7.30pm, at the Community Hall. Copies can be got at the Cathedral Bookshop in Kilkenny or on www.catholicbishops.ie

A Christian prayer

In union with creation Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you! Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you! Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you! Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

"Caring for the poor is an important aspect of the Church's ultimate mission, that is, to invite "all people, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of God's family, the Church... to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs to his blessed life"

