

Ossory Pilgrimage to Rome for this special Year of Mercy August 29th to September 3rd, staying at the Irish College. For full details see the back of the Church, and for further details or to book contact Ossory Adult Faith Development, tel 056 7753624. Email afd@ossory.ie

World Youth Day 2016: World Youth Day 2016 will take place in Poland at the end of July 2016. Pope Francis will attend and will lead the Way of the Cross on Friday, the overnight Vigil on Saturday and celebrate Mass on Sunday 31st July. The Diocese of Ossory invites young people to attend. Young people (over 18) are invited to make contact through wyd@ossory.ie Fr Richard Scriven (087 2420033) or Derek Dooley (087 938 4242) for further information.

The School of the Holy Spirit will host their annual coffee morning on Sunday 29th November between 11am and 1pm. in their School in Seville Lodge, Callan Road. Enjoy a cuppa with home bakeries and pick up a few bargains at the gift stall, books cds, DVDs and perhaps win an amazing hamper or two. Anyone wishing to donate gifts etc to event can contact Therese Buckley @0879040208..

Christmas Craft Fair: Sunday November 29th from 12pm to 5pm in the Concert Hall, Thomastown. Tables €25 (tables provided). Proceeds to Thomastown Community Centre. Contact Marie Dempsey Tel 085 8009685

Thomastown GAA Club: The Club AGM will be held in the Concert Hall on Friday 4th December at 8pm. Forms are available on the club website at <http://thomastown.gaa.ie/club-news-1/2015agmnotice>.

As the curtain comes down on the playing year, the club wishes to thank everybody who attended club games during the year and anybody who helped out in any way with the running of the club. A huge thank you also to all of our sponsors for their help in 2015. We encourage everybody to shop local and continue to support all our sponsors. Without their generosity, the club could not function.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: Christmas Dinner Sunday 13th December at Gowran Park .

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: 17th Annual Holiday to Woodstock Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare 25th June – 02nd July 2016. Cost: B & B plus evening meal €335 per person sharing. Single Room Supplement €105 extra. Latest date for payment June 1st 2016. A non refundable deposit of €50 payable immediately to the Hotel (due by end of November 2015). Enquiries to Rosaleen 087 6912990 Eileen 087 2896563 or call to the shop on Thursdays or Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

Community Centre: Have sense? Give your 1 and 2 cents to Thomastown Community Centre. Help us to fill a barrel as we continue to restore the past and build for the future. Thomastown Community Centre for you for everyone. Drop in your cents Monday to Saturday between 9am and 1pm. Help us to round up your cents! Enquiries 087 7728170.

Kilkenny Carer Support Group, Wednesday 2nd December 2015, 4.00-5.30pm 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.

The Watergarden's popular Advent Fair will take place on Sunday the 6th of December from 12 until 5pm. This fundraiser for the Watergarden is a unique and enjoyable occasion for all the family with Christmas trees, nativity crib, food and drinks, children's workshops and over thirty crafts stalls.

The Carers Association are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Healthcare Support Award training in your area in January 2016. For more info contact the training unit on 0579370221.

'What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart'. Alexander Pope.

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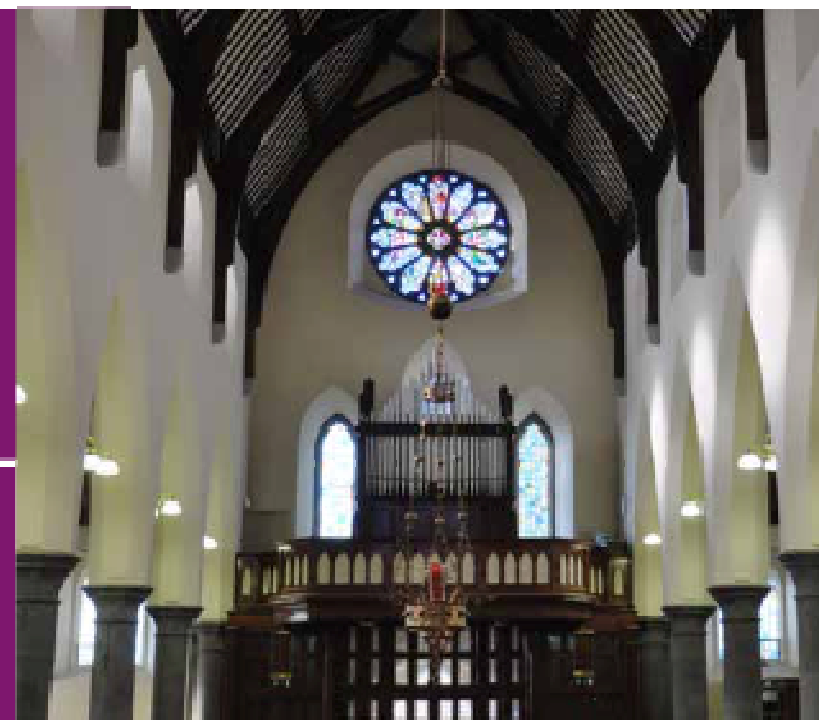
Baptisms are held on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and on 2nd Sunday of each month after 11.00am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office, tel 056-7793191, or email: thomastown@ossory.ie

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.

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.



29th November First Sunday of Advent.

Jesus, You have come into our world with all its sorrows
Keep us vigilant; to find your presence
in the midst of our struggles now.
Tell us again that your love will triumph.
Make us aware of all the places in our world
where you are, and come, Lord Jesus,
to all the places in our lives
where you are not yet.

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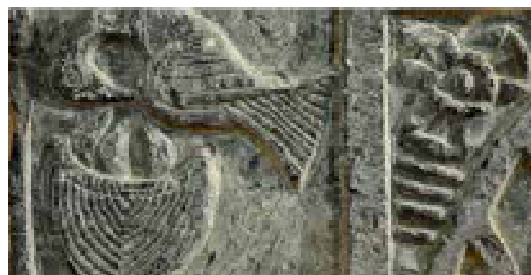


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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 29th November 2015

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
Chapel Hill	Saturday evening 05 th December 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 05th December, 19th December at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong Saturday evening 28th November, 12th December at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Kelly Walsh, Cloghbrody; Bridie Farrell, Newtown (Months Mind Mass 7pm); Frances White, Knocknaboola (11am Mass); Josie Butler, Pleberstown; Patrick Butler, Cloughbrody; Jimmy Collier, Ballinkillen; Sheila O'Hanrahan, Kiljames; Peter O'Hanrahan, Primatestown, Ashbourne; Deceased Members of the O'Hanrahan Family, Kiljames; Patrick Holohan, John Challoner, Bray & 41, Newtown Terrace; Ron & Judy Clowes, England & 23, Newtown Terrace May they rest in peace.

Cead Mile Failte: Taylor-Belle Anne Caulfield, Ballylinch Stud; Cathal Patrick Mary Hogan, Rupp House; Aily Maeve Murphy, Low Street; Stephen Matthew Glennon Walshe, Newtown; Aliyah Parker Rose Lanigan, Berkley Lawns; Oliver Patrick Hearne, Vancouver, Canada.

Parish Finance Meeting: Monday 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday night in St. Columba's Chapel from 8/9pm. All welcome. There will be no Prayer Meeting that night.

Church Door **Collection for Retired Priests of the Diocese** this weekend.

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Frs. Dan, Mark and Sister Anna will bring Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. Remember, if you have faithfully called to the Lord's house, he would be very happy to be invited to yours. And if you haven't called too often, he would still be happy for the invitation.

Eucharistic Ministers December. If unable to attend please exchange with another minister.

07.00pm	Sr. Bernadette	Anne Treacy	Patricia Dempsey
11.00am	Alice Challoner	Mary Walsh	Seamus Quigley

The Sacrament of Forgiveness Third and Fourth Classes in the National School will be invited to avail of the Lord's mercy on Thursday during School time.

You shall be my witnesses The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred this coming year on Sunday 28th February. Preparation for the Sacrament continues on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.

Celebrating Religious Life in Our Diocese: This Sunday 29th November St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny from 12noon - 5pm concluding with Mass of Thanksgiving which will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm. St. Kieran's College will host a display area where information on all Institutes and Orders of Consecrated Life in our Diocese and their individual charisms will be displayed. Drop in to say hello to the religious serving in Ossory.

Ministers of the Word: The Diocese of Ossory is offering a number of evenings for those who are already serving as Ministers of the Word in our parishes and those who might be starting out. The final talk given by Fr. Kieran O'Shea will take place on the following dates

Mullinavat: Mullinavat Church on 30th Nov. at 7.30pm

Kilkenny: St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Tues 01st Dec. at 7.30pm

UN Climate Change Summit occurs in Paris, November 30th to December 11th. This year, countries already adopted a new sustainable development agenda and will hopefully adopt a new global agreement on climate change in Paris. The Summit presents a historic and unprecedented opportunity to bring the countries and citizens of the world together to decide and embark on new paths to improve the lives of people everywhere. These decisions will determine the global course of action to end poverty, promote prosperity and well-being for all, protect the environment and address climate change.

