

Phones and emails have been restored at the Parish Office and houses. Welcome to contact us!!

Lourdes 2016: Bookings are now being taken for the Ossory Diocesan a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 22 to 27. For information please ring Eleanor at 051 880414 or glennmore@ossory.ie

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

Breadmaking with Mags Morrissey: Sat 6th Feb. 10 am- 4 pm | €70. Join us for a Saturday of Breadmaking at School of Food. This hands on class will give you an introduction to the different stages involved in baking your own bread. Throughout the day you will weigh, mix and knead a variety of doughs and leave with a selection of recipes under your belt. On the menu are Brown & White Loaf, Hot Cross Buns, Plait Bread, Brioche and more. For more details contact: info@schooloffood.ie | 056 7754397 | www.schooloffood.ie

As **St. Valentine's Day** falls on a Sunday this year, we invite you who may be planning Marriage and have got the engagement ring, and all whose rings signal love and commitment, to come to Mass at 11 am on that day and rings will be blessed.

Dates for Accord Pre-Marriage Courses to take place in Kilkenny this year: 26,27th February, 11,12th March, 8,9th April, 27,28th May, 17,18th June, 23,24th September, 21,22nd October, 25,26th November. Please check the Accord website, and if one of the above dates suits you, book early as courses get filled up.

CYMS The Parish Finance Committee plans work on the old School, which has had many identities since the boys left to go to what is now the School of Food. Lying idle for the past few years, the building is in need of renovation. The plan is to make the building safe, with work on the roof, and over a few years, as the money is available, to continue the work so that the building will provide a Pastoral Centre for the People of God.

Community Centre: As a result of the recent flooding at the Centre, there is a "Replace the Floor Fund" in action immediately. If you wish to donate the IBAN Number is IE87 BOFI 90609941672858. Some activities will relocate to St. Mary's National School. The Centre remains open. We look forward to your continued support.

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 is June 1st 2016. A non refundable deposit of €50 is payable immediately to the Hotel. Enquiries to Rosaleen 087 6912990, Eileen 087 2896563 or call to the shop on Thursdays or Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

Homecare services for the elderly: Affordable Live-in Homecare provide live in Carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in Carer for your relative, please call Mary or Tom today on 087 9916791. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Jubilee Year of Mercy: *'When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. How much I desire that the year will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!'* (Misericordiae Vultus, excerpts from sections

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THOMASTOWN PARISH Newsletter



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

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.



31st January 2016

Gala Concert Thomastown Parish Church
Celebrating the newly refurbished Organ
on Sunday 7th February 2016 at 7pm
with St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band, Sospiro Male Voice Choir,
featuring Organ solos by Derek Verso and Dr. Frank Lawrence.
Admission Free. Donations welcome.

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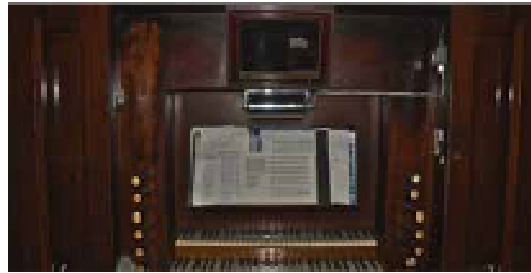


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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 31st January 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Mass of St. Blaise	07.30pm
	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 06 th February 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 30th January, 6th February at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 13th February & 27th February at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Archdeacon Patrick Grace, Inistioge; Tom Grace, 43, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Julie Stapleton, 7, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); Mary, Joe & Tom Stapleton (7.30pm Mass Wednesday); Mickey Hayes, 9, Dangan Terrace (10am Mass Thursday); Margaret Doolan, Newtown Terrace; Brohna Woods, 2, Newtown Terrace; Ellen Fitzsimons, 6, Newtown Terrace; Liam O'Reilly, Newtown Garden; Denis Cassin, Coolroebeag; Paula O'Shea, Cloughabrody Heights; Brigid McDermot, Donegal; Paddy O'Reilly, Daniel & Catherine Shanahan, Pleberstown. J P Monahan, Dangan Terrace, Brohna Woods, Newtown Terrace, Mary and Mary Anne Langton, Coolcullen. May they rest in peace.

Finance Committee Meeting Monday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Tuesday, 8-9pm at St. Columba's Hospital Chapel.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Ministers for February. If unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Sr. Anna	Sheila McDonald	Kathleen Gaffney
11.00am	Tom Walsh	Pim Dunphy	Patricia Hogan

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. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

Catholic Schools Week is held this week. To honour the role grandparents play in their grandchildren's education third class will come to 9.30am Mass on Wednesday and invite their grandparents to join them.

Envelopes If contributing to Parish funds by envelope at weekend Masses, please use the boxes provided at the back of the Church. If left on the plates that circulate at the Offertory at Mass they may fall off or have been known to get lost.

Irish Wheelchair Association: Thank You to all who supported recent Church Gate Collection: The amount raised came to €564.60.

The Annual St. Brigid's Day service will take place on Monday February 1st in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy at 7.30pm. All welcome'

Kilkenny/Carlow Coeliac Support Group meets on Monday February 1st at 8.00pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre in Loughboy. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine.

Thomastown Active Retirement Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 02nd February in the Community Hall, Marshes Street at 2.30pm.

David Quinn of Iona Institute and Kate Bopp of Family & Life will speak at a Pro Life talk on "How to Protect the 8th Amendment" at the River Court Hotel, Kilkenny on Tuesday February 2nd at 7:30pm in the Pembroke suite. All welcome!"

Newfoundland Cultural Exchange 2016: On Friday 19th August a group of about sixty to seventy visitors will arrive in Thomastown from Newfoundland, staying three nights. Accommodation offering Bed & Breakfast is needed. The exchange has been ongoing since 2005. If you are willing to help, please email seamussquigley@gmail.com mobile number 087 7728170. A Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30pm. at Thomastown Community Centre. All are welcome.

Kilkenny Carer Support Group, Wednesday 3rd February 2016, 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 is welcome.

