

St. Mary's Cathedral Resoration Fund: The 1st of the monthly draws for the coming year in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Resoration Fund takes place on Wednesday 30th March in the Chapter Room. Subscribers are very welcome and greatly needed. Contact Prendergasts Victuallers, Reddys Gift Shop, or the Parish Office for tickets. Subscription €10 per month.

Fr. Liam Lawton accompanied by the RTE Light Orchestra sings in St. Mary's Cathedral Friday 8th April at 8pm. Tickets €25, Tickets are available in O'Keeffes in Market Street. For more details Phone Fr. Pat Dalton 086-8283478 or Nellie at 086-0276332

Spring Literature Course: Kilkenny Campus at St Kieran's College, Thursdays 7-9 pm, **March 31st – April 21st.** Four-week course includes the poetry and prose of Eavan Boland and Edna O'Brien and the final class explores *Othello*, with group outing to see the play at the Abbey theatre on Sat. May 14th at 2 pm. Course fee €60 (excl. theatre). Email margaret.irish@nuim.ie or call 086 3935513.

Tobacco Free Campus – St Columba's Hospital, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny: St Columba's Hospital is implementing a Tobacco Free Campus as of Friday 1st April 2016. Smoking or use of any tobacco products will not be allowed anywhere on the grounds of the hospital from this date. This policy covers all areas of the campus including buildings, entrances, doorways, car parks etc. Stopping smoking is the single most important thing a person can do to improve their health. Thanks to everyone for co-operating with this important policy.

Kilkenny Carer Support Group, Tuesday 5th April 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. Please note change of day, Support Group will be run on TUESDAY instead of the usual Wednesday.

Thomastown Community Alert/Text Alert: Thomastown Community Alert has been reformed in recent weeks with regard to setting up a Text Alert as this has been set up in most of our surrounding parishes as an extra bit of security to help in Crime Prevention. There will be a public registration for anyone who wishes to become part of this text alert in the Community Centre, Thomastown on Thursday & Friday 7th & 8th April from 10am – 12 noon and 2pm – 4pm and also on Tuesday 11th April from 7pm/8.30pm. Cost is €10 per phone for the year. Call in for more information.

Alzheimers/Dementia: Do you care for a family member who has Alzheimers/Dementia. We are hoping to form a support group for Carers in the Thomastown area. If you would be interested, please contact Pauline Reynolds on 087 2745934.

Family Carers Ireland is providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Training in your area in May 2016. For info or to express an interest kindly contact our training department on 0579370221.

*On Easter Day we still feel pain,
Our own pain and the pain of others.
But a new element has been introduced.
It doesn't remove the pain,
But gives it a meaning, and lights it up with hope.
All is different because Jesus is alive
And speaks his words of peace to us.
Jesus has broken the power of death,
And given us the hope of eternal life.
Lord, guard this hope with your grace,
and bring it to fulfilment in the Kingdom.*

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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@rossary.ie



27th March 2016 Easter Sunday

Night surrenders unto day, dark to light, fear to courage. Death to resurrection. St. Peter, who feared to say that he knew the Lord, now fearless, proclaims him boldly, across the barren hills, each place he goes, in every action he takes. Lord, give us too your Spirit, give us your life that you gave to Peter. Let us act out your great story with our lives.

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 27th March 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
St. Columba's Hospital	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Saturday evening 02 nd April Mass	05.45pm
Chapel Hill	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill Saturday evening 02nd April, 16th April at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 09th April, 23rd April at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Jack Cahill, Smithstown & daughter Anne Grey (11am Mass); Mary Byrne, Carrickmourne (10am Mass Monday); Daphne Dempsey, Cloughsgregg (9.30am Mass Friday); Herbert Elkins, Florida, USA; Jimmy Walsh, Cappagh, Thomastown; O'Keeffe Family, Colmille; Josie Conway, Jerpoint Church; Paddy & Mary Greene, Pleberstown; Michael O'Reilly, Bridgebrook Arms; T. J. McCarron, Low Street; Fr. Peter Orr, Edinburgh, Scotland; Martin & Nellie O'Hara, Ballylynch & Cloughabrody; Edmund Forristal, Jerpoint Church; Denis Treacy, Powerswood; Larry Mark Butler, Castle Avenue; Daniel Challoner, Newtown Terrace; Jim Hayes, Cloughabrody Heights. May they rest in peace.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Sarah Anne Davis, Carrickmourne; Kathlyn Louise Walsh, Cloughabrody Heights; Hazel Kate Kirby, Legan; Jamie David Kavanagh, Hillview, baptised into the family of God recently.

The good news of Easter is that nothing can defeat us anymore – not pain, not sorrow, not even death. The good news of Easter is that Jesus will work a miracle in our lives if we will but open our hearts to his Easter power. What miracle might I ask Jesus to work in my life this Easter? How might I open my heart, in a special Easter way, to the risen Christ do this?

Eucharistic Ministers April: If unable to attend please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Mary McEntee	Nollaig Forristal	Benny Anthony
11.00am	Rita Doyle	Anne McDonald	K.C Babu

Easter Offerings: A gentle reminder, dear reader, that this is the time for one of the six contributions for the support of the priests of the Parish. If you haven't got envelopes, let us know and we will be happy to provide them. For the moment, please put your contribution in an ordinary envelope, with your name and address. The envelopes for the contributions to the up keep of the priests are to be found in the boxes of weekly envelopes, though a different colour.

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.

Thomastown Vintage Club are holding their 8th Annual Vintage Run on Easter Sunday. All proceeds go to Grennan College for gym equipment.

Cabaret in the Salmon Pool Easter Sunday night with lots of prizes and auction.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture: Topic: Pdraig Pearse Speaker: Mr Pat Cooke, on Thursday, March 31st 8pm Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (members and students free).

Celebration of Divine Mercy: Sunday, 3rd April 2016 (Sunday after Easter Sunday) Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, Confession, Holy Hour, Mass at 4.00 p.m., followed by blessing of St. Faustina Relic. With Fr. Willie Purcell. All are welcome

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Saturday, 9th of April 2016 from 10am to 5pm, designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Contact: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

The Universe Story & God – Implications and Reflections: Come and explore with Dr Margaret Twomey RSM how contemporary ways of thinking about the world are reflected in ancient Christian tradition; how theology can be enhanced by evolutionary theory and how the Universe Story calls for justice for all. Details as follows: Date: Saturday April 23rd; Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny; Time: 10.00-4.30; Cost €10. Please bring packed lunch Please book before 18 April by contacting: Catherina or Catherine at 056 7722870 9–5 pm

