

Traits of a Healthy Family continued and taken from a book by Dolores Curran and presented in a pastoral magazine called *Intercom*.

Trait 2: The healthy family affirms and supports one another.

The parents have good self-esteem.

Everyone is expected to affirm and support.

The family realises that support does not mean pressure.

The family's basic mood is positive.

The family supports its institutions but not automatically.

The School of Food has started a Garden Club on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at the School. Head Gardener John Kelly will discuss any problems members may have with their gardens and offer solutions. Also available will be a monthly box of vegetables when in season. Contact Jane at 056 7754397 or see www.schooloffood.ie.

Annual Holiday: Final Payments are now due for the annual holiday to Woodstock Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare. There are limited spaces if anyone would like to join. Also all members who are travelling on the holiday, can you please contact Rosaleen Garry at 0876912990 as additional information is required to complete your booking.

Camp Veritas is a one week 'play and pray' sleep away summer camp for teens 12 to 18 years old. This is its second year running in Ireland and it is being held in Maynooth University Campus from the 26th June to July 1st this year. Cost is 450 dollars with an early bird reduction for early registration. Volunteers are also needed and can be aged 18 and upwards...(free for volunteers). Lots of fun and lifelong friendships to be made and a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ Our Lord. A week not to be missed!!! For more information and registration log on to www.campveritas.ie

Irish Newfoundland Festival 2016: Just 12 weeks until a group of 55/60 visitors arrive in Thomastown from Newfoundland on Friday 19th August. We are still looking for accommodation offering bed and breakfast for 3 nights with one evening meal. If you are willing to show case the culture and heritage of Thomastown to our Canadian visitors please email seamussquigley@gmail.com or call 087 7728170.

The Irish Cancer Society's 'Volunteer Driver Service' is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in University Hospital Waterford. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Gail in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566.

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

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award training in Kilkenny and Carlow in June 2016 based on demand. For more info contact the training department on 0579370221.

Ossory Vocations: Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com. www.ossory/vocations

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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.



29th May 2016

Solemnity – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

It's sometimes easier for us to understand the Eucharist as "sacred meal" rather than "sacrifice." Few of us are as familiar as the early Jews with the idea of sacrifice. But Christianity calls us to routinely sacrifice, to take some aspect of creation and return it to God as a sign of our thanksgiving, communion, or atonement. It's only through this lens of sacrifice that we can begin to understand what Jesus is doing the night before his death. He institutes the Eucharist to become a re-presentation of his great sacrifice on the Cross, his body offered and his blood outpoured, by which we are reconciled with God. That's what this Feast of Corpus Christi is finally about.

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 29th May 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	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 04 th June 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 04th June, 18th June at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 28th May, 11th June at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries; Andrew & Ned Forristal, Colmcille & **Kitty Huss (nee Forristal)**, Colmcille (7pm Mass); **Kevin O'Reilly** (Months Mind 11am Mass); **Nancy O'Neill**, Ballinamona; **James & Mary Cassin**, Coolroemore. May they rest in peace.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Louis Emmanuel Tomal, Marsh's St; Dominik Conrad Popielarski, The Greens; Daithi Diarmuid Lanigan, Carrickmourne baptised into the family of God recently.

Do This In Memory Programme 11am Mass this Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi.

Gorta Self Help Collection: this weekend.

Cemetery Masses Mass will be held in Colmcille Cemetery on Tuesday 7th June, at 7.30pm. The Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's New Cemetery will be held on Friday 29th July, at 8pm.

Camphill Jerpoint would like to thank everyone in the parish for their very generous contributions to the Care Farm Project. We look forward to seeing you all at the Open Day on Sunday 19th June.

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Frs. Dan, Mark 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.

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

07.00pm	Sheila Swaine	Anne Treacy	Patricia Dempsey
11.00am	Alice Challoner	Breda Bergin	Seamus Quigley

Ministers of the Word for June. If unable to attend please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Michael Piert	Eleanor Reddy
09.30am	Mary Lannon	Mairead O'Keeffe
11.00am	Catriona Walsh	Valerie Cotter.

A Social evening for all involved in various Church related activities in the Parish will be held on Tuesday 31st May at the Community Hall, beginning 7.30pm. If you haven't been invited personally but are among the above, please come.

Celebrate the 8th Amendment March in Dublin on Saturday 4th June. Bus from Loughboy 12 noon €10. Contact Ron Rossiter 086 6696632

Examinations This is the time people – families, students and teachers – become anxious about exams. To include your scholars in our prayers, please enter the names in the book in the Church, and take home a prayer card.

Parish Development: The Parish Finance Committee is planning to visit all houses in the parish in the middle of June with an information pack offering all an opportunity to help with and support the future development of the parish.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th July 2016. For young people aged 16-35, not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses will be available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

The Parish Pastoral Centre – CYMS – is a building site at present. On health and safety grounds the entire site is closed and access to the Cemetery is restricted while work is continuing.

