

**Coordinator of the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Plan** The Diocese intends to employ someone to work on a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese. The Diocesan Pastoral Council has drawn up a plan so the person employed will implement it. See the Diocesan Website for details.

**Friends of Fallen Friends Road Run:** 01<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Run leaves approximately 12 noon from Thomastown United AFC Grounds. All vehicles are welcome, costing €20. All money raised will go to Thomastown Community Hall and Thomastown Scouts.

**Pictures at the Priory:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-10pm at the Priory, Kells, in aid of Parish Funds and Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. Admission €6 includes a glass of wine.

**Thomastown Active Retirement:** Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30pm in the Community Hall, Marshes Street.

**Support Group for Carers of People with Alzheimer's/Dementia:** Kilkenny Carer Support Group, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, 3.00-4.30pm 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. (Please note change of time from usual time of 4-5.30 to 3-4.30pm)

**Day Trip for Senior Citizens** takes place Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 10am, costing €10 per person, with Indoor Crazy Golf, Newbridge Silverware and the Icon Museum of Style, and time to explore Newbridge town. Please give names to the Shop on Thursday or Friday.

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Care Skills module in Kilkenny on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. This is one of the Mandatory modules of the Full QQI Healthcare Award. Patient moving and Handling training provided. For more info contact our training department on 0579370221.

**World Youth Day 2016:** World Youth Day will be celebrated this July in Krakow from July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Young people, over the age of 18 years of age, are invited to contact Fr. Richard Scriven (087 2420033) or Derek Dooley (087 938 4242) if they would like to participate in this pilgrimage with Pope Francis to the homeland of Pope John Paul II. Further information from Fr Scriven, PP Inistioge, 087 2420033 or [inistioge@ossory.ie](mailto:inistioge@ossory.ie) or [wyd@ossory.ie](mailto:wyd@ossory.ie)

**Volunteer in Africa:** Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 26 June 2016. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. Contact Denis at Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.

**Jubilee Volunteers:** During this Jubilee year there is an opportunity for people to travel to Rome to act as volunteers helping pilgrims throughout the city. Accommodation and food etc..will be provided for successful applicants. There is a notional requirement of basic Italian but that should not stop people applying as a few easy classes to give people the basics will be provided. Adult Faith Development will sponsor up to 10 people to travel.

**The School of Food** have 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](http://www.schooloffood.ie).

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# THOMASTOWN PARISH Newsletter

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## 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](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie)



01<sup>st</sup> May 2016  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Our Christian faith should not be just seen as a religion, something tacked on to an otherwise secular life which in most respects is the same as everyone else's. Our Christian faith is a vision of how a human life should be lived in fullness. It teaches us how to be a real person. And a person is only fully alive when full of love. Because such a person then reflects best the God who IS love.

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## CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 01<sup>st</sup> May 2016

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St.Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Saturday evening 07 <sup>th</sup> May Mass	05.45pm
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill Saturday evening 30<sup>th</sup> April, 07<sup>th</sup> May at 5.45pm  
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 14<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May at 5.45pm

**Parish Finance Meeting:** Tuesday in Parish Office 7.30pm

**Parish Council Meeting:** Wednesday in Parish Office 7.30pm

## Deaths/Anniversaries:

**Kevin O'Reilly, Cloughbrody** recently deceased.

**Ann Bergin nee Waugh & Ian Quinn** (7pm Mass); **Tess Hennessy**, Low Street (11am Mass);

**Paddy Carroll, Elizabeth Dempsey**, 23, Newtown Terrace; **Frances Challoner**, Pipe Street; **Helen Shanahan**, Noreview Crescent. May they rest in peace.

## Eucharistic Ministers month of May: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

<b>07.00pm</b>	Catherine Walsh	Sr. Bernadette	Michael Piert
<b>11.00am</b>	Mary Butler	Bernie Dempsey	John Minogue

## Readers for month of May: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Reader

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Siobhan Collier	Sean Cahill	Janet Sahaffi
Ann Casey	Maureen Sherlock	Mary Doyle

**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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Please note Monday Adoration times have changed. Adoration will begin after 9.30am Mass to 12 noon and from 7 to 8pm. This is a wonderful service, to gather and pray for and on behalf of the people of the Parish and beyond.

**The Parish Pastoral Centre - known as the 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.

**Ossory Vocations Information Day:** Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> in The Chapter Room, St. Mary's Cathedral. Kilkenny 10.30am. Information: Fr. Willie Purcell Email [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com) Mob: 0876286858 Facebook: ossoryvocdir

**Ossory Vocations:** If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Are you open to the Holy Spirit? (John 14:23-29) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, this Day is for you.

**Coeliacs** If reception of Communion is a problem for you, please contact Fr. Mark or Fr. Dan or one of the Sacristans at the churches and arrangements will be made to facilitate you at Mass.

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

**Lourdes 2016:** Bookings are now being taken for the Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. For information please ring Eleanor at 051 880414 or [glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie)

