

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

Trait 7: The healthy family teaches a sense of right and wrong

- Husband and wife share a consensus of important values.
- The parents teach clear and specific guidelines about right and wrong.
- Children are held responsible for their own moral behaviour
- The family realises that intent is crucial in judging behaviour
- Parents help children to live morally.

What do you think of the trait, and its signs? Talk about it at home.

Kilkenny Carers Support Group meets on Tuesday 5th July, 3-4pm, 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. For more information, call 0567771230.

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award Training in Kilkenny on the 20/07/2016, each module will be delivered separately one day a week for five weeks. For more information kindly contact our training dept. on 0579370221.

Irish Newfoundland Festival 2016: Just a few 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 showcase the culture and heritage of Thomastown to our Canadian visitors please email seamusquigley@gmail.com or call 087 7728170.

Youth Work Volunteers Wanted: The Drum, Foróige, MacDonagh Junction, Kilkenny City. To work with 12-18 year olds in our purpose built youth space. We welcome skills in any of the following areas: communicating with young people, digital media / IT, music production, arts / crafts, drama, sports. Open to people aged 18+. Time commitment: 1-2 hours per week. Training provided. For further information contact Rita on 086-7736976 / rita.comerford@foroige.ie / www.foroige.ie

The Irish Cancer Society's 'Volunteer Driver Service' is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in University Hospital Waterford. For information, talk to your healthcare professional or call the Irish Cancer Society on 012310556.

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.

Dates for Accord Pre-Marriage Courses to take place in Kilkenny this year: 23,24th September, 21,22nd October, 25,26th November. Please check the Accord website www.accord.ie and if one of the above dates suits you, book early as courses get filled up.

Ossory Vocations: "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few: therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations. Depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9) 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

Peace is not a negative thing. It is not just the absence of war or enmity. Peace is a positive thing. It implies openness, friendship, tolerance, goodwill, hospitality, reconciliation. It disposes us to reach out to others. It helps to break down barriers of suspicion, fear, prejudice, bigotry.
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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.

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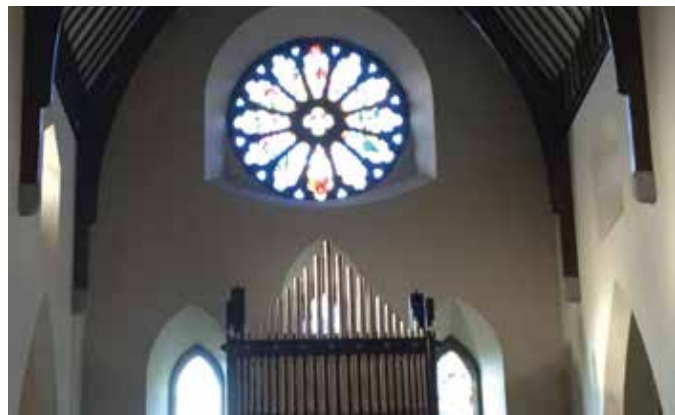
Notices for the Newsletter must be placed in the letter box before Thursday 12 noon for inclusion in the coming weekend's Newsletter.



03rd July 2016

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time.

**We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.
Love God, serve God. Everything is in that.
Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name.
St. Clare of Assisi.**



Ministers of The Word for July: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

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| 07.00pm | 09.30am | 11.00am |
| Margaret Freyne | Bernie Egan | Joe Dunphy |
| Pat Doherty | Sr. Anna | Josie Beck |

Cake Sale: In the Dining Hall St. Columba's Hospital after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday in aid of the Alzheimers Unit.

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.

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

June Envelope Collection: Please contribute to the collections for the support of the priests of the Parish.

Tidy Towns Competition is here again! The annual Tidy Towns Competition has started.. It is expected that the Adjudicator will be in Thomastown from 25 June at the earliest and, of course, anytime from then until the middle of August.

As always, the Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee thanks individual helpers, organisations and the Resident Associations for the hard work during the year and especially during our preparations for the annual Tidy Towns Competition. Please let Thomastown look its best these days.

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.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
St. Francis of Assisi.*

CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 26th June 2016

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| 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 |
| | Saturday evening Vigil Mass | 07.00pm |
| St.Columba's Hospital | Sunday morning Mass | 09.30am |
| | Tuesday & Thursday Mass | 10.00am |
| Mong | Saturday evening 09 th July 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 02nd July, 16th July at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 09th July, 23rd July at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Evelyn Bookle, Grennan Villa (7pm Mass); Nicholas Evans, Bawnskeha (11am Mass); Nancy Murphy, Pleberstown; Mary Ryan, Maudlin Street; Mary Doyle, Friars Hill; John & Ellen McGrath, Colmcille, Gabrielle Schmidt, Colmcille, Michael, Mary & Melvin Power, Newtown Terrace & Norelands; Mitchel Walsh, Jerpoint Abbey May they rest in peace.

St. Mary's National School Parents' Association: Church Gate Collection in aid of New Reading Programme this weekend.

The Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's New Cemetery will be held on Friday 29th July, at 8pm.

Eucharistic Ministers month July: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

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| 07.00pm | Sheila McDonald | Mary McComb | Helen Comerford |
| 11.00am | Tom Brett | Marie Kinsella | Margaret Ryan |

