

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

Trait 8: The healthy family has rituals and traditions:

- The family treasures its legends and characters.
- The family has a person/or place that serves as a locus.
- The family makes a conscious effort to gather as a people.
- The family views itself as a link between the past and the future.
- The family honours its elders and welcomes its babies
- The family cherishes its traditions and rituals.

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

St Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island takes place on Sunday July 24th led by Bishop Cullinan, Waterford & Lismore. A bus will leave the Quay car park at 12.00 noon cost €15.00. To book please contact Marian at 086-0693510.

The Friends of St. Columba's : 5km charity walk in aid of the friends of St. Columba's Saturday 16th July 2016 leaving the hospital Car Park at 1pm followed by music with Ben and Andy and afternoon tea in St. Patrick's wing. Cake sale on the day donation boxes will be located at the hospital. Any donations for cake sale can be left in on Friday 15th July to hospital or on the morning of the walk.

Family Carers Ireland is currently recruiting healthcare assistants for work in Carlow and Kilkenny city and county. Applicants must hold a QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award or be currently working towards it. To apply, please forward CVs to Family Carers Ireland, Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny, or email to mwalsh@familycarers.ie. There will also be an information day at St Luke's, Kilkenny on the 18th July – for family carers in need of advice, information and support. 10am to 4pm. Main reception area.

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

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 seamussquigley@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 highest state we can attain is when goodness becomes an easy flow of grace, uncalculating and natural. It is obvious that for the Samaritan in the Gospel goodness has become habitual, spontaneous, second nature. The nice thing about people like that is that they don't think they have done anything special. For some, generosity consists in a few sporadic acts; for others, it is a way of life.

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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.

10th July 2016 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The lawyer's question, in this Sunday's Gospel, was meant to embarrass Jesus. Jesus cleverly puts the onus back on the lawyer. So the lawyer tries again: he seeks casuistically to know to whom the commandment 'love your neighbour' applies. Basically what Jesus says to him is: our neighbour is anyone, regardless of class, colour, race, or creed, who needs our help.





CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 10th July 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
St.Columba's Hospital	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Chapel Hill	Saturday evening 16 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 16th July, 30th July at 5.45pm
 Mass in Mong Saturday evening 09th July, 23rd July at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **John Lanigan**, Copenagh (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **John Comerford**, Burrells Park (9.30am Mass); **Margaret Murray**, Walton's Grove (11am Mass); **Patrick Kelly**, 42, Newtown Terrace; **McEntee Family**, Mount Juliet; **William Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown; **Jack Galway**, Knockard. May they rest in peace.

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

St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society: Church door Collection will be held at all Masses next weekend 16/17th July. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **096-2664669**.

Inistioge Fr. Anthres Ekka is a Pallottine priest, from India, who has been studying in Rome for the past three years. He is spending the month of July in Inistioge before returning to a new post in his native country. If you wish to contact him, his number is 0874013808.

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

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 has enlisted the help of people in the different areas of the parish and is visiting as many homes as possible, so you may have callers during the next few weeks with an information pack offering all an opportunity to help with and support the future development 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.

The Priory Institute: *Bringing Theology Home.* Theology matters! Join our supportive student community and study theology from home. Application deadline is 20th September 2016. Phone (01) 404 8124. Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Web: www.prioryinstitute.com

Vincent's Charity Shops : The Vincent De Paul Society are seeking suitable volunteers with a minimum of three hours a week to assist in their Charity Shops " **Vincent's**". All support and training will be provided for this needy work so if interested please contact Linda 056 7702637 for a warm welcome

An American magazine a number of years back carried an editorial about a lady in a red car. She drove to a tollbooth, gave the attendant seven tickets, and said, 'I'm paying for the next six cars.' As each car stopped, the driver was told, 'The lady in the red car paid your toll. Have a nice day!' The lady in the red car was inspired by a sentence penned by Anne Herbert: 'Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty.' Anne believes that 'random kindness' is capable of generating a tidal wave, just as 'random violence' is. It awakens something deep inside the human heart. How might I 'go..... and do the same'?

