



South Kilkenny Historical Society LECTURE: Title: The Ladies of Llangollen. Speaker: Ms Lori Comerford on Thursday, September 29th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite the church). Admission: €5 (members free). All welcome.

Do you want to know more about your Church and your faith? If so why not take part in a course offered in St Kieran's College for the coming year. Two nights a week from Oct to Dec and Jan to May this course will explore areas such as Scripture, Moral Theology, the Church, Liturgy and Sacraments, and Church History. It is intended for those who are new to theology and those who want to explore it a little further. For further information see www.ossory.ie or contact 056-7753624 or 087-9081470.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw. The seventh of twelve draws takes place next Wednesday. The subscription is €10 per month. Join at Murphy Victualler in Market Street, Reddy's on Pipe Street or the Parish Office.

Ossory Vocations: Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16: 19-31) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com. www.ossory/vocations

The Arthritis Ireland Kilkenny Branch holds a regular coffee chat every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the Ossory Park Community Centre. Do you live with Fibromyalgia or Arthritis? Don't suffer alone. Come for a chat, get out of the house, make new friends & know you're not alone – Looking forward to meeting you. We'll have the kettle on.

*A week ago the sycamore tree was loaded with gold.
However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it,
it began to give it away.
At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there,
whenever the wind asked for a contribution.
But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls,
without being asked,
and without a thought for a wintry tomorrow.
Wealth is judged,
not by the amount that is accumulated,
but by the amount that is given away.
The only wealth that is worth having
is the wealth of the heart.
To close one's heart is to begin to die;
to open it is to begin to live.*

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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.



26th July 2015

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time.

“The Eucharist, as Christ's saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history.”

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 25th September

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 Confessions	Saturday evening 01 st October Mass	05.45pm
	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill Saturday evening 01st October, 15th October at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 24th September, 08th October at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **John Costelloe**, Galway, late of Pipe Street recently deceased. **Billy O'Brien** (7pm Mass); **Michael Phelan**, Noreview Terrace (Months mind Mass, 9.30am); **Bobbie Power**, Grennan View (11am Mass); **Elizabeth Kelly**, Grennan Hill; **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill Street; **Jim Gibbons**, Ballyfoyle; **Patrick, Agnes & Donal Heafey**, Coolmore, **Mairead O'Hara**, Jackstown. May they rest in peace.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Lauren Rose Gumley, Carrickmourne, baptised into the Family of God recently.

Fr. Mark Condon: Fr. Mark, after living among us in Thomastown for three years, is being called back to the City, and to St. Patrick's Parish. He will take up his new assignment towards the end of October. To say he is irreplaceable is one way of putting it. However, the fact is that there is no one to take his place. The reality of declining numbers of priests means that Thomastown will have only one priest for the foreseeable future. We can dwell on what that will mean for us another time. In the meantime, Fr. Mark will continue to serve here until he moves to St. Patrick's.

Eucharistic Ministers for October: If unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Benny Anthony	Sr. Bernadette	Catherine Walsh
11.00am	Rita Doyle	Anne McDonald	K.C Babu

October Ministers of the Word : Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Michael Piert	Pat Cronin	Tom Brett
Aleena Benny	Sr. Anna	Alice Challoner

Do This In Memory Enrolment: This weekend, at the 11 am Mass, sixty two children enrol for the 'Do this in memory' Parish programme of preparation for First Confession and First Communion. The programme goes on until June, with the monthly Mass the most visible part of the Parish preparation. Meanwhile, Moms and Dads will be supporting the work of preparation at home. If anyone hasn't received the Sacraments and would like to, please contact Fr. Dan.

Dates for your Diary: First Confession 07th March and First Holy Communion 06th May 2017.

October Stations: Please offer financial support to the priests of the parish by returning your envelope one of these days. If you haven't received envelopes, and would wish to support the priests, please contact the Office, or simply put your contribution in an ordinary envelope, with your name and address so that we can forward envelopes to you for next year. And remember, the safest place to put those envelopes at weekend Masses is in the boxes inside the Church doors.

Ossory Social Services: Annual Church Door Collection takes place next weekend 01st /02nd October.

Autumn Festival: Join us for Autumn Festival at the School of Food in Thomastown this Sunday 25th at 11am. There are exciting events happening at the School to celebrate the beginning of the new season. The Old School Yard will host an Artisan Food Market full of local food producers. There will be Boxy demonstrations in our Incubation Kitchen from Pádraig Óg Gallagher from The Boxy House in Dublin and a children's craft area with artist Sandra McAllister. The Head Gardener John Kelly will also be on hand to give garden tours and answer gardening conundrums! There'll be a garden treasure hunt and a bake your own Gingerbread Man workshop with Chef Eadaoin Walsh. The pizza oven and barbecue will supply all with tasty nibbles throughout the day. Autumn Festival is the perfect way to celebrate the new season with family and friends!

