

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.

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.

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award training in Kilkenny and Carlow in October 2016 based on demand. Modules provided separately one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30pm. One Day topic Specific workshops also available for more info contact our training dept. on 0579370221.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Club: Committee Monthly Meeting on Tuesday 4th Oct. at 7pm in the Community Hall.

Kilkenny Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 4th October 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 is welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056 7771230

Kilmacow Disco: A disco will take place in the Community Hall on Friday 14th October from 8-11pm for 1st – 3rd Year students. New DJ – Bigger & Better!! Entry only €5.

Dates for Accord Pre-Marriage Courses to take place in Kilkenny this year: 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.

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THOMASTOWN PARISH Newsletter

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www.thomastownparish.ie



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.



02nd October 2016

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The prophet Habakkuk is surrounded by a people of violence, strife and greed. How is he to live in such a world? He is counselled to have patient faith, to remain faithful despite the apparent hopelessness. Christ's disciples should realise the gift of faith is given to them for perseverance.

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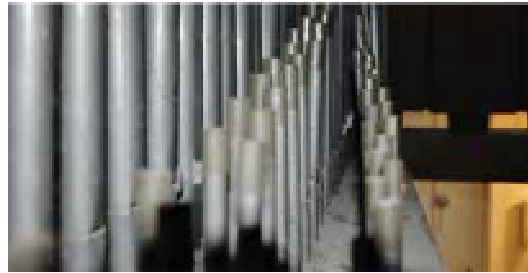


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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 02nd October 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	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
Mong	Saturday evening 08 th October 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 01st October, 15th October at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 08th October, 22nd October at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **John Costelloe**, Lt. Col (Ret) Dublin, late of Pipe Street recently deceased. **Johnny Byrne**, Newtown Tce., (7pm Mass); **Leonard & Dorothy Teesdale**, Belmore, Jerpont Church (9.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne and daughter Julie**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); **Larry Stapleton**, (9.30am Mass Monday; **John & Catherine Doody**, Colmcille; **Jack & Bridie Burris**, Dangan Tce; **Teresa Sheehan**, Noreview Crescent.; **Peter Challoner**, Smithstown; **Tom & Margaret Barron**, Ballyconway. May they rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel on Tuesday night 8/9pm. All welcome.

Ossory Social Services: Annual Church Door Collection takes place this weekend.

Our Lady of Fatima Group: Public Rosary outside the Community Centre Saturday 15th October 4pm. All welcome.

Ossory Vocations: The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a priest. (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com. www.ossory/vocations

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

First Friday: Next Friday 7th October. Sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times.

Dates for your Diary: First Confession 07th March and First Holy Communion 06th May 2017. Confirmation 11th June 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.

The theme for the Parish Plan devised by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is that of Family, in its many aspects. The term itself has differing meanings in today's world, including the family living under the one roof, the parish family, the national family or the world family. As part of our Parish Plan, the PPC has agreed to encourage parishioners to pray each week. It is hoped to put a prayer here on the Newsletter and on the Website that you, your family and your friends can pray. This week's suggestion for your prayer is "We pray for peace in our families, in our wider community and parish life and within all our homes. Lord hear us".

The Kilkenny Coeliac Support Group will be meeting in St.Patrick's Parish Centre on Monday night October 3rd at 8.00pm. Anyone affected by this disease is welcome to attend.

Mission Month: We are celebrating the Mission Month of October, which gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our baptismal call to bring Christ to others. Our gift to the world is the joy of the Gospel and our Irish missionaries continue to bring the Good News to people throughout the world. World Missions Ireland, organises the Mission Sunday collection in all Churches nationwide. Mission Sunday falls on the 23rd October. Our theme is 'Every Christian is a Missionary'. We can all do our part in an open, joyful and generous way. For further information on WMI or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

