



Photographs: next year we will be celebrating 150 years of our Parish Church. Do you have any old photographs, of the Church, or of events in the Church that we might assemble to recall the last 150 years? If you have, please leave them to the Parish Office, to the Sacristy, or to Fr. Dan. We will get them back to you.

Church Organ: we hope to provide organ lessons in the near future. If you are interested, contact us. Meanwhile, you were very generous in supporting the work on the organ. We keep the fund open so that further contributions will help reduce the costs for those who will take lessons.

Book Launch: The launch of Joe Dunphy's new Book will be announced very soon. All proceeds from this Book will be donated to defray costs of damage to the Concert Hall by last winter's floods.

Voices of Peace Residential Retreat in Ennis, Co. Clare, 11th-13th November. Register with voiceofpeaceministry@gmail.com See www.voiceofpeaceministry.org

Afternoon Tea & Cake Sale in aid of The Good Shepherd Centre Kilkenny on Sat 12 Nov. 3pm-6pm in Thomastown community hall. Also raffle on the day.

Day Care Centre for People with Alzheimer's Disease/ Dementia: The Village Day Centre in Kilkenny City is open Monday-Friday and provides an opportunity for people with dementia to socialise and get involved in some of the dementia specific activities. A hot meal, snacks and transport are also provided in this warm and homely atmosphere. Call 056 7771230.

The Kilkenny Coeliac Support Group will hold its monthly meeting in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 8.00pm. on Monday 7th November. Fáilte roimh gach duine.

Carrot Grow Meetings 'Is your life restricted and compromised by chronic illness? Join our support groups. Weekly meetings at the Grow Office, Barrack St Kilkenny Friday @ 11am. Contact Mary on 087 284 3424 or visit www.grow.ie'

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta [CHY 13218] Friday November 11th, Church Car Park, collection at 5pm. All items of clothing, footwear, bed sheets, curtains etc in any condition most welcome. Please visit 'Rajiv 16' on Youtube. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074.

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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.



06th November 2016

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We are born in exile and die there too.
As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life,
we begin our return.
When we die,
we do not so much go to God as return to him.
Like homesick cranes that fly night and day
back to their mountain nests,
so let all our lives take their voyage to you, O Lord.
for you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you.
Only those who have flown home to you have flown at all.



CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 06th November 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St.Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am
Mong	Saturday evening 12 th November 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 05th November, 19th November at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong Saturday evening 12th November, 26th November at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **M. O Kurian** (9.30am Mass Monday); **David Walsh**, Dysart; **Patrick Fanning**, Grennan; **Thomas Redmond**, Marshes Street; **Elizabeth Long**, The Mall; **Pakie & Molly Lannon**; **William & Paddy Grace**, Grennan; **John Cottrell**, Brownsbarn; **John McGrath**, Summerhill. May they rest in peace.

November, month of the Dead. Near St. Joseph's altar in the Parish Church you will find the Book of the Names of the Dead. You are invited to enter there the names of the dead you would like to be remembered during the month.

By the way, don't forget the **November Offerings**, one of the six annual collections for the support of the local priest. Whereas the plate collections and the weekly collections are for the running of the parish, the six collections are for the financial support of the priest of the parish and diocese.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Carol Service: Tuesday 20th December at 7pm. We are inviting all members of our community to participate this year. Please join us and bring your family and friends to what promises to be a lovely occasion

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

07.00pm	Michael Piert	Sheila Swaine	Anne Treacy
11.00am	Mary Butler	Bernie Dempsey	John Minogue

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

07.00pm	Nellie Doherty	09.30am	Sean Cahill	11.00am	Chrissie Keating
	Siobhan Collier		Maureen Sherlock		Vonnie Walsh

The theme for the Parish Plan devised by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is that of Family. This week's suggestion for your prayer is:

We pray for those who are grieving. Our grief is a sign of our deep love for those we have lost. *We ask you, loving God, to comfort those who mourn, and touch the depth of their sadness with tenderness and a sense of peace. We call on our Mother, Mary to comfort those of us who grieve and to hold us as one who understands our deep loss, as we say Hail Mary.....*

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Columba's Chapel on Tuesday night from 8-9pm. All are welcome.

Congratulations to our **Thomastown Camogie Players**. County champions, they beat Wexford County Champions Oulart the Ballagh last week end and they play the Leinster Final against Dublin Champions St. Vincents next week end.

Ms. Gemma Mulligan was appointed **Co-ordinator of the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Plan** during the Summer. The Plan, put together over a number of years, has nine strands to it, two of which have to do with Co-responsibility for the Mission of the Church today and Re-imagining Parish Leadership in the light of today's realities. What that means is that Gemma is to encourage all of us, as members of God's family, to take responsibility for the mission of God's People today, and also, as clergy become scarce, look to see, with all the People of God, how leadership is or needs to evolve. That is timely in this Parish, as one of today's realities is that we have only one priest among us. Gemma has been visiting the parishes of the Diocese, and speaking at the weekend Masses.

Next weekend she will come to Thomastown, and speak with us. Meanwhile, she has agreed to come and talk with the Parish Council at its Wednesday meeting. Gemma is a native of the City, and lives in Tullaroan, with her husband and five children.

