

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th JANUARY.

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
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Mass	10.00am
Chapel Hill	Saturday evening Mass 21 st January	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 21st January, 04th February at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 14th January, 28th January at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: Noel Dempsey, Bawnskeha, Frances Lannon, Station Road, Sister Alphonsus Walsh, Kilkenny, and formerly Mong, Barbara Wolny, Poland, Maggie Morrissey, (Months Mind 5.45pm Mass); Michael Walsh, Friars Hill, May & Eddie Fenlon, Bridge House (11am Mass), Noreen Walsh and deceased members of the Walsh family, Mary Campbell, Drogheda, Daisy Murphy and Paddy Murphy, the Courthouse, Michael and Marie Kearney, Oldtown. *May they rest in peace.*

Baptisms: Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office Tel 056 7793191 or email: thomastown@ossory.ie.

The Committee working on the 150 year Celebration of the opening of our Parish Church, planned for 2017 has many plans for the event. We are appealing to anyone who has photos connected to any Church events, e.g. Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Marriages, Processions etc. to loan same for an exhibition which will be put on display in the Church building. If you can help, please contact Joe Dunphy asap We guarantee to return all photos donated.

Children's Liturgy is an occasion, during 11am Sunday Mass, for children not yet in Second Class to come aside, to the room over the Sacristy, to do something age appropriate based on the Word of God. This will resume next Sunday, and your child will be welcome to come forward, when the Readers come forward, and rejoin the congregation at the Lord's Prayer.

Do this in Memory Programme next Sunday at 11am Mass

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

The Irish Wheelchair Association has a Garda permit to hold a church gate collection on this Saturday and Sunday, and appreciate your support.

Accord is the official provider of Pre-Marriage courses. Check the Accord website for information or to book a place on one of the Courses coming up in the next few months. The email address is accord@ossory.ie, Telephone number 056 7722674.

The courses take place at Seville Lodge, on the Callan Road in Kilkenny. The **dates for courses** over the next few months are 27/28th January, 24/25th February, 24/25th March, 21/22nd April, 26/27th May.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 16th to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious life ending with Rosary at 8pm. New Members urgently needed for Adoration group. You will be welcome at any time even if you only have a little time to spare. Please sign the book.

A 4 week Practical Cookery Course at **The School of Food** commencing 24th January at 7pm. It is the ideal course for beginners or those interested in having a well rounded approach to cooking and cuisine - from knife skills, organisation and preparation to cooking methods and presentation of food. Contact 056 7754397 or email info@schooloffood.ie for more information.

The Priory Institute, run by the Dominican Fathers, invites you to join its supportive student community and study Theology by distance learning this spring. Application deadline is 28th February. Call 014048124, email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Check www.prioryinstitute.com

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One Day workshops on Mental Health, Nutrition, Dementia & Emergency First Aid also available. For more info contact 0579322920.

In Case of Emergency Should you need to contact a priest, the following are the numbers of the priests in the parishes neighbouring us. Fr. Richard Scriven, Inistioge, 0872420033, Fr. Benedict O'Callaghan, Knocktopher, 0866089582, Canon Pat Duggan, Bennettsbridge, 0862557471, Canon Pat Dalton, Gowran, 0868283478, Fr. Gerry Byrne, Graignamanagh, 0876903978.

Some Dates for your Diary:

Blessing of rings, at Masses on 11/12th February, nearest the feast of St. Valentine.

Ash Wednesday will be on 1st March;

First Confessions will be on Tuesday 7th March;

Good Friday will be on Friday 14th April;

Easter Sunday will be on Sunday 16th April, the Sunday after the full moon after the Spring Equinox.

First Communion will be held on Saturday 6th May;

Ascension will be held on Sunday 28th May;

Confirmation will be held on Sunday 11th June;

Colmcille Cemetery Mass will be held on Tuesday 13th June, at 7.30pm;

St. Mary's New Cemetery Mass will be held on Friday 4th August, at 8pm.

Prayer for our Families: *Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.*

