

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th January 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 29th JANUARY.

Parish Church	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Mass	10.00am
Chapel Hill	Saturday evening Mass 04 th February	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	04 th February, 18 th February at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	28 th January, 11 th February at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Tom Grace**, 43, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Eileen Davis**, Dangan (11am Mass); **Angela Walsh**, Jerpoint Hill (10am Mass Thursday); **Margaret Doolan**, Newtown; **Katie Houlihan**, Nore View Crescent; **J P Monahan**, Dangan Terrace; **John & Sarah Maher**, Durrow; **Ellen Fitzsimons**, 6, Newtown Terrace; **Liam O'Reilly**, Newtown Gardens; **Liam & Bobby Hoyne**, **Kathleen Codd**, Station Road; **James O'Hara**, Jackstown; **Statia Grace**, Logan Street; **Daniel & Catherine Shanahan**, Pleberstown; **Richard Gaule**, Colmcille. *May they rest in peace.*

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 and your child will be welcome to come forward, when the Readers come forward, and rejoin the congregation at the Lord's Prayer.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Dearbhla Teresa Dack, Fairgreen, baptised recently.

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

07.00pm	Kathleen Gaffney	Fiona Fitzpatrick	Sr. De Lourdes
11.00am	Tom Walsh	Pim Dunphy	Patricia Hogan

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Aleena Benny	Sr. Anna	Chrissie Keating
Margaret Freyne	Vera Lanigan	Catrina Walsh

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

Kilkenny Sub-Aqua Search & Recovery - Church Gate Collection this weekend
Enable Ireland - Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 4th/5th February.

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

Catholic Schools Week 2017 begins Sunday 29th January. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider church. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: *Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home*. We are reminded of the beauty of the world God has created for us and our responsibility to care.

Camogie – Thomastown Senior team plays Sarsfields of Galway in the All Ireland Semi-final this Sunday in Birr. The girls have had a wonderful 2016, so all the best for a good start to 2017.

The annual Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday, 22 May until Saturday, 27 May inclusive. Bookings for all intending to travel may be made by contacting Eleanor (Monday-Friday) at Glenmore parish office Glenmore County Kilkenny, telephone **051 - 880414** email glenmore@ossory.ie Price €775 pps

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: The Battle of the Somme. Speaker: Mr Jack Burtchaell, at 8pm, Thursday, February 2nd, at Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church).

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Saturday, the 4th of February from 10am to 5pm. The days are designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact: Sr. Colette at poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.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.

Driver Theory Classes: Need help preparing for your Driver Theory Test? Look no further. FREE classes soon in Thomastown Library on Wednesday mornings. Call 056 7794331 for further details.

Knitting/Craft Group: Hoping to start a regular knitting group to meet in the library, if interested, please contact us – we have a FREE, comfortable space available.

12 Books of Christmas Winners: Following our very successful 12 Books of Christmas Challenge the winners of Book Tokens in our prize draw were – Faith Kiely, Jack Tennyson and Megan & Hannah O'Reilly. Congratulations to all.

Free Internet Classes: Starting Tuesday 14th February for 5 weeks from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. This training course is aimed to help people get started on line and includes: - How to set up and use email, browse the internet, get connected with friends and family. You will receive a useful website pack to get you started. Tablets provided for classes.

'The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time given me new courage to face life cheerfully have been kindness, beauty and truth. The trite subjects of life – possessions, outward success, luxury – have always seemed contemptible.' Albert Einstein