

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY.

<b>Parish Church</b>	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
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday evening Mass 28 <sup>th</sup> January	05.45pm
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 21<sup>st</sup> January, 04<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm

**Mass in Mong** 28<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Walter Walsh**, Grennan House recently deceased. **Sean Ryan**, Bonnybrook (Month's Mind Mass 5.45pm); **Julie Stapleton**, 7, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); **John Kirwan**, Goatsbridge; **Catherine Lee**, Maudlin Street; **Patrick (Pa) Kelly**, 42, Newtown Terrace; **Jim Delaney**, Newtown Terrace; **Martina Galway**, Knockard, **Denis Cassin**, Coolroebeag; **Catherine Hill**, Maudlin Court. *May they rest in peace.*

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office Tel 056 7793191 or email: [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto: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 Communions, 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 resumes this 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** this Sunday at 11am Mass.

The Irish Wheelchair Association thanks all who contributed to recent collection, €628.70.

**Kilkenny Sub-Aqua Search & Recovery Church Gate Collection** 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> January

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will be at St. Mary's National School, Thomastown on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 5pm/8.30pm.

**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](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie) Price €775 pps

A 4 week Practical Cookery Course at **The School of Food** commencing 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> February. Call 014048124, email: [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) Check [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://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.

**Family Carers Ireland:** Information Day Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 10-1pm at The Orchard House (Marymount House). Light refreshments served. Wheelchair accessible. Welcome and presentation:- Family Carers, HSE on Fair Deal, Citizens Advice, Emergency Response. for details contact: Family Carers Ireland (Kilkenny) on 056 7721424. Email: [kilkenny2@familycarers.ie](mailto:kilkenny2@familycarers.ie) Web: [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)

**Men on the Move!** For men who want to feel fitter and have more energy, the successful Men on the Move physical activity programme resumes in Thomastown on Thursdays at 8pm. This programme is hosted by Thomastown Unites and Paul will take the men through their paces. There is a cost of €30 for the 10 weeks. All men welcome!

**Ad limina visit to Rome:** Currently there are 26 dioceses in Ireland and our Bishops, together with three Diocesan Administrators of the Dioceses, such as ours which don't have Bishops at present, are visiting Rome these days. They go there on pilgrimage to the tombs of the Apostles, to build up unity with the Bishop of Rome – they were scheduled to meet Pope Francis on Friday - and also to speak with the members of the various Congregations – like departments of the Vatican Civil Service. Read [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) for more information.

**Week of Prayer for Church Unity:** These days, 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, are designated a week of prayer for Church unity. We can be particularly aware of Jesus' prayer that 'they may be one' as we call to mind the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation of Martin Luther. We are called to foster what we have in common, rather than what divides us.

*God of Reconciliation, through Christ you call us to a unity that is not an option. Yet we fall back tenaciously on our old ways: conflict, division and fractured relationships. Confront and convict us of this failure; break through the walls of our excuses, and set us free to participate in your ministry of reconciliation.*