

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Eucharistic Service	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Eucharistic Service	10.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 18<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45pm

**Mass in Mong** 11<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45pm.

**NB:** on the occasion of a Funeral Mass, the 'usual' morning Mass may be cancelled. Please check this possibility if you are one who attends Mass during the week.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Walter Walsh** (Months Mind) & **Patrick (Paddy) Manning** (7pm Mass); **Ray J Hughes** (9.30am Mass); **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe Street & **Kathleen, Patrick & John Delahunty**, Mill Street (11am Mass); **Gregg Hoban**, Clossgregg; **Susan Wallace**, Jerpont Abbey; **Marian Dunne**, 23, Dangan Terrace. *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. If we should have a Funeral at our 11 am Mass on any Sunday, the children won't be called forth.

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society** will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 20th 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.

**St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Church door Collection will be held at all Masses this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669**, for anyone in need.

**There will be a Rosary recited at the Town Hall/Tholsel Kilkenny City** at 7.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

Thank you!! You contributed €465 towards the **Diocesan Lourdes Collection**, which will take place 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. You will help the expenses of the assisted pilgrims and staff. Meanwhile, did you ever think of travelling yourself? Think about it.

**Driver Theory Classes:** Need help preparing for your Driver Theory Test? FREE classes will start in Thomastown Library on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. Contact us on 056 7794331 for details.

**Creative Writing:** Our Creative Writing Group will be starting soon – details to follow. If you are enthusiastic about writing and would like to meet up with others to share ideas please contact us.

**New Library System:** Our new nationwide delivery system will operate from next week. The Libraries Ireland catalogue "Encore" can be accessed through the [kilkennylibrary.ie](http://kilkennylibrary.ie) website and offers library members a much greater choice of books and other items such as music, film and audio. Your library card can be used in any participating library service in Ireland. Library Membership is FREE so why not join today?

New courses at the **School of Food:** Outdoor Vegetable Crop Production begins on Tuesday the 28th of February and will run one morning a week for 10 weeks. Introduction to Cooking begins on Thursday the 9th of March and also runs one day a week for 10 weeks. For more information please contact the School of Food: 056 7754397 | [www.schooloffood.ie](http://www.schooloffood.ie) [info@schooloffood.ie](mailto:info@schooloffood.ie)

**St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw.** The twelfth of twelve draws takes place next Wednesday. The subscription is €10 per month. Join at Murphy Victualler in Market Street, Reddy's on Pipe Street or the Parish Office. We have had no local winners in the past year. Meanwhile, to those who bought tickets, thank you for supporting the Draw.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture:** The Burning of Brigid Cleary. Speaker: Mr Michael Power on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall. Admission €5 (members free). All are welcome.

**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	087 2420033	Fr. Benedict O'Callaghan	086 6089582
Canon Pat Duggan	086 2557471	Canon Pat Dalton	086 8283478
Fr. Gerry Byrne	087 6903978		

**Community Centre:** A date for your Diary Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The Eigse Players from Slieverue will perform "**Where's the Missus**" a new play written by Kerry woman Valerie Sweeney. Tickets on sale at O'Keeffe's DayBreak, Market Street or at the door on the night. Tickets €12. Complimentary tea and coffee.

**Debt Worries Wearing You Down:** Kilkenny MABS is concerned with the difficulties being faced by many people with mortgage and debt issues. Money management and negotiation with creditors are issues many people identify with. Kilkenny Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) as Approved Intermediaries offer a free service to assess people to apply for Debt Relief Notices (DRN). MABS also assist with mortgage arrears and attend Court in a supporting role in mortgage arrears cases. Kilkenny MABS is a Free, Confidential and Independent Service funded through CIB. Contact Kilkenny MABS, 8 William St, Kilkenny 0761072610 or [Kilkenny@mabs.ie](mailto:Kilkenny@mabs.ie)

*We pray for our parish, family and friends, so that we may work together to take God's love and shine it to the world around us.*