

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 05th February

Parish Church	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Mass and Sacrament of Anointing	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am
Mong	Saturday evening Mass 11 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 04th February, 18th February at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 11th February, 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: Fr. Leonard & Pat Forristal, Ballyconway (5.45pm Mass); Joe Minogue, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Leonard Teesdale, Belmore (9.30am Mass); Thomas & Margaret Tyrrell (11am Mass); Mary McMahon, Newtown (9.30am Mass Wednesday); Mary, Joe & Tom Stapleton, Maudlin Street; Brohna Woods, 2, Newtown Terrace; Michael & Margaret Landy, Station Road; Paula O'Shea, Cloughabrody Heights; John Morrissey, Coolroemore. *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 wont be called forth.

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	Catriona Walsh

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday night in St Columba's Chapel from 8.00 - 9.00pm. All are welcome.

These occasions, on Mondays and monthly in place of the weekly Prayer Meeting, are a wonderful opportunity to attend to the Lord – whether to pour out your troubles, or thank the Lord profusely, ponder his Word, or simply sit quietly in his presence. Give him that time.

150 Meeting: with a view to planning some events to mark 150 years of our Parish Church a small group has been meeting, and will meet again on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Do This In Memory Programme next Sunday 12th February 11am Mass.

'You shall be my witnesses' is the parish programme in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. While the teachers in School do excellent work in preparing for the Sacrament, the Parish, and families also, sometimes get off lightly. The Programme gives an opportunity to all of us to be involved at a meaningful level. Parents / guardians of those who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday 9th February at the National School at 7.30pm.

Thomastown Senior Citizens: Committee Meeting 7th February at 7pm in the Community Hall.

Blessing of Rings: coming close to St. Valentine's Day, rings will be blessed at Masses next weekend. Whether engaged couples full of romantic love, or couples whose rings, and romance, may be less shiny, you will be invited forward at the end of Mass for the blessing.

Lourdes Church door Collection next weekend 11th/12th February.

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. To reserve a free place phone 056 7794331 or book in at the desk.

Creative Writing: Thomastown Library would like to start a Creative Writing Group. If you are enthusiastic about writing and would like to meet up with others to share ideas please contact us.

New Library System: Thursday 2nd February sees the launch of Sierra our new Library Computer System which will offer 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?

"Learning to Live Life in the Blue Zone" is the title of a talk by Dr Fergus Heffernan to be held at St. Fiacc's Church, Loughboy on Wednesday, 8th February at 8.00pm. Admission is €10 and all proceeds go to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust bringing children with special needs to Lourdes each Easter.

Due to popular demand a limited reprint of **Joe Dunphy's book, "Lest we Forget"**, is on the way. It will be on sale in the Hall, Credit Union, Dunphy's Centra, Liam Reddy's Gift Shop, Supervalu or from Joe with all profits still going to the Community Hall. Thank you for your support.

Mgr. Drea Drawings: Mgr. Drea was Parish Priest here in Thomastown and died in 1965. He was a very good artist. Do you have any of his drawings? They would be a wonderful addition to our selection of photographs of the Church and Church gatherings. Contact Joe Dunphy if you do, please.

Let's pray this week for greater care for our environment: that we may grow in our respect for the earth, God's gift to us, and work to preserve it for future generations. Watch the snowdrops and the daffodils, enjoy them, and thank God for them. They bring colour to our lives.