

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

<b>Parish Church</b>	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
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Mass	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** 18 March, 01<sup>st</sup> April at 5.45pm

**Mass in Mong** 25<sup>th</sup> March, 08<sup>th</sup> April at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** Edward Wallace Jnr, Jerpoint Abbey died Wednesday, **Gobnait Murphy (5.45pm Mass); Thomas Hayes Snr**, 9, Dangan Terrace; **Thomas Hayes Jnr** 22, Dangan Terrace & **Thomas Hayes** late of Kilkenny (7pm Mass); **Thomas Dack**, Castle Avenue; **Patrick & Bridget O'Neill**, Smithstown; **Paddy Lannon**, Station Road; **Ellen Doyle & Martin Doyle**; **Jim Challoner**, Dangan Terrace; **Daphne Dempsey**, Cloughsregg; **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridgebrook Arms, **T.J. McCarron**, Low Street, **Fr. Peter Orr**, Scotland, **Melvin Power**, Norelands, **Michael and Mary Power**, Newtown Terrace, **Philomena Conway**, **Patrick Conway**, Jerpoint Church; **Thomas Townsend**, Jerpoint. *May they rest in peace.*

**Lent:** Think what you will do, rather than what you won't do.

**Living Our Baptismal Calling:** Parish Programme continues 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30pm to 9pm including tea/coffee. These evenings facilitated by Diocesan Adult Faith Development take place at the Community Hall.

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

**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).

**Three Tuesdays in Lent:** Prayer as we travel as pilgrims to, in turn, each of the four Churches in our Parish, on Tuesdays 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> April. So, we will have an evening's prayer in Mong on one of the Tuesdays, and in turn visit the other Churches also. So, as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish Church, we join with the other congregations also. More next week.

**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.

**Lenten Dues:** This collection is for the financial support of the Priest of the Parish. If you didn't get envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

**Men's Shed - Public Meeting:** A public meeting for all interested parties will be held in Thomastown Community Hall on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m.

**You Shall be my Witnesses,** our Parish preparation for Confirmation, resumes next Thursday at 7.30pm, at the School. Please remember the young people preparing for the Sacraments in your prayer.

**Ossory Diocesan Draw St. Mary's Cathedral:** As we embark on **Year Three** of the **Ossory Diocesan Draw**, please continue with us in our efforts to restore our Cathedral by contributing to the monthly Draw. In the two years since its introduction, the Diocesan Draw has contributed €276,000 to the Cathedral Restoration Fund. Thank you for your support. For information on becoming a Promoter or joining the Draw, please contact The Parish Office, Fr. Dan, the Diocesan Office, 056 7762448, Reddys Gift Shop, or Murphy Victualler, Market Street, in Thomastown.

**Volunteer In Africa:** Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 15 June 2017. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. *Contact 086 8520271.*

**"Streetwise"** is a campaign which is being promoted on personal safety and is being run as a National Action Plan by An Garda Siochana Community Relations Team. The campaign is to run through the month of March. Phase 3 – anti assault campaign 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March. See Information at the back of the Parish Church.

**Thomastown Library: at the Library** in Thomastown Library is an exciting and varied collection of **DVDs?** These can be borrowed on your library card free of charge for a period of three weeks.

**School of Food Thomastown:** Saturday April 1st 10am - 4pm. Join Ingrid Foley from The Organic Centre Leitrim at the School of Food for an Introduction to Growing in Polytunnels. Learn how to grow tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and basil followed by overwintering crops to harvest produce all year round. Lunch using fresh produce from our garden is included in this course.

**World Meeting of Families 2018 – WMOF2018** – will be held in Dublin on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Check [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) for ongoing news of the Meeting.

**Learn the Lord's Prayer in Irish:** The children will help you!! *Ár nAthair ata ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm, go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an dtalamh mar a dhéanfar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethiúl tabhair dúinn inniú, agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha mar a mhaithmidne dár bhféachachúna fein agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ó olc. Amen.*

**Parish Family Prayer:** *We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may see past what is different about other people and love them for who they are. Help us to share with others and to live in peace so that all your people can live free from poverty, hunger and fear.*

**Parish Office:** Please note Office will be closed next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.