

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th March

Parish Church	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday Funeral Mass – May O’Keeffe Shannon	11.00am
	Thursday Vigil Mass St Patrick’s Day	07.30pm
	Friday Mass St. Patrick’s Day	11.00am
St. Columba’s Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Friday Mass St. Patrick’s Day	09.30am
Chapel Hill	Saturday 18 th March	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 18 March, 01st April at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 25th March, 08th April at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Denis O’Brien**, Mong & Stackley, Graiguenamanagh (5.45pm Mass); **Edward Nevin**, 24, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Tony (Anthony) Kehoe**, Jerpont West (11am Mass); **Teresa & John Maher**, Ladywell (9.30am Mass Monday); **John O’Rourke**, Newtown; **Toddy Cassin**, Boher; **Joan & James O’Neill**, Grennan, **Katie Connolly**. *May they rest in peace.*

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

Will you consider becoming a **Eucharistic Minister**? Talk with the current Ministers or Fr. Dan. Training will be held during Lent.

Living Our Baptismal Calling: Parish Programme continues 16th, 23rd, 30th March and 6th April from 7.30pm to 9pm including tea/coffee. These evenings facilitated by Diocesan Adult Faith Development take place at the Community Hall. If you are interested in attending contact Fr Dan, the Parish Office or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Sister Nuala Glynn Franciscan Missionaries of Mary says thanks for the kindness, attentiveness & generosity received in the Parish at the weekend. The amount collected came to €2,875 and in return you are all assured of the prayers of the Sisters.

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.

Novena to St. Joseph Sunday 12th March – Monday 20th March at 8pm in Mill Hill Missionaries Chapel, St. Joseph’s, Waterford Rd Kilkenny

Do This in Memory Programme next weekend 18th/19th March at 11am Mass.

Trocaire: Something for Lent. Please take Trocaire package to help those who are less well off.

Our Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

Interested in visiting **Newfoundland** from Friday 18th August to Sunday 27th? Come to an information night this Monday 13th March at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

Thomastown Parish - St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on 17th March 2017 in the Community Hall at 1.30pm. (Music & Craic). Please give your name to Committee Member in the Community Hall Thursday 10am – 2pm.

St. Patrick’s Day Wheelbarrow Dash in Thomastown: Everyone is asked to decorate a wheelbarrow in any manner/theme that you would like. We will meet at The Quay car park at **11.30 am for registration** on St Patrick’s Day, hail, rain or shine – it’s that simple! “Wheel off” is at 12pm sharp. Entry for everyone is free. If fundraising for Wet the Shamrock, please contact 086 3089618.

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

In 1st, 2nd or 3rd year? Looking for something to do? Come join us at the Foróige DRUM Youth Centre, Thursdays 4.15 - 5.45pm for our mixed activity group. We are located in Goods Shed Square, MacDonagh Junction. Please contact Rita for more details: 0867736975 or rita.comerford@foroige.ie

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.

“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. There are three Phases. Phase 1 - street wise/personal safety advice 1st – 12th March; Phase 2 – protect your personal property advice 13th – 19th March; Phase 3 – anti assault campaign 20th – 31st March. See Graphic Information Leaflets at back of Church.

Knitting/Crochet Group: The Knitting and Crochet group meets every Tuesday morning at 11am upstairs in the Library. Come and enjoy some crafts and a friendly chat? Free tuition is included.
St. Patrick’s Weekend: Library will close on Wednesday 15th March at 8pm and re-open on Tuesday 21st March at 10am.

Dr Walter Walsh Memorial Lecture: Dúchas – Tullaherin Heritage Society hosts its annual Dr Walter Walsh Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, 15 March in Bennettsbridge Hall at 8 p.m. All are welcome. This year’s lecture, titled Lime & Lime Kilns, will be delivered by Edward N. Moran of the Barrowvale Local Historical Group and will deal with the distribution of lime kilns within the civil parish of Powerstown in east Kilkenny. It will detail the historic uses of lime, the means of production, and its economic importance to the community. Dúchas has already embarked on a survey in the Tullaherin/Bennettsbridge area and welcomes the contributions of all interested locals.

Learn the Lord’s Prayer in Irish for St Patrick’s Day – 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 laethúil 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.**

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 17th March.