

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Eucharistic Service	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April, 06 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.45pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 13 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** Mgr. **Toddy Prendergast** (8pm Mass); **Paddy Heafey**, Castle Avenue & **Teresa Hennessy**, Tower House (11am Mass); **Jimmy Holden**, Harristown, Graiguenamanagh; **Jack & Alice Norris**, Danesrath; **Nan Butler, John & Mary Challoner**, 41, Newtown Terrace; **Frances Challoner**, Pipe Street; **Tom Walsh, Kilvinogue; John & Annie Whelan, Mary & John Ryan.** *May they rest in peace.*

**Easter Offerings:** Please remember to make your contributions to the Easter Offering collection. This is one of the six annual collection for the financial support of your priest and the priests in parish ministry throughout the Diocese.

**Trocaire:** Please fill up those Trocaire boxes, and return your contributions as soon as possible at Mass, or directly to Trocaire. Your support is appreciated, your contributions will be well used.

**St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Church door Collection will be held at all Masses next weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669**, for anyone in need.

**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).

**Myhomecare** are seeking experienced Qualified Care Assistants to join its expanding panel of Homecare Assistants for jobs in Thomastown, Co Kilkenny. If you are interested please contact: Tanya 021-4626154 or email: [tgrainger@myhomecare.ie](mailto:tgrainger@myhomecare.ie)

**The School of Food Practical Cookery for Beginners:** This 4 week cookery course will guide you step by step through all the elements of basic cookery. It is the ideal course for beginners or those interested in having a well rounded approach to cooking and cuisine. The course takes place every Tuesday evening for 4 weeks starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Price is €150 for the 4 week course. Classes take place at the School of Food.

**Zinio Magazine Collection:** The website [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie) offers access to a wide range of magazines free of charge, catering for all types of interests. Why not have a browse on the website? Magazines can be read on your computer or downloaded to a free library app for a later time.

**Mullinavat Bingo** in Mullinavat Community Centre on Thursday 20th April at 8.00 p.m. doors open at 7.30 p.m. €850.00 in prizes. All welcome.

**St. Luke's Hospital** will hold the annual remembrance ceremony for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child through miscarriage, still-birth, in early infancy or childhood years on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 8.00pm.

**Accord** is the official provider of Pre-Marriage courses. Check the Accord website for information or to book a place on one of the Courses coming up in the next few months. The email address is [accord@ossory.ie](mailto:accord@ossory.ie), Telephone number 056 7722674.

The courses take place at Seville Lodge, on the Callan Road in Kilkenny. The **dates for courses** over the next few months are 21/22<sup>nd</sup> April, 26/27<sup>th</sup> May, 16/17<sup>th</sup> June, 22/23<sup>rd</sup> September, 20/21<sup>st</sup> October, 24/25<sup>th</sup> November.

**MABS:** The Kilkenny Money Advice & Budgeting Service, at 8, William St., Kilkenny, provides a Free and Confidential money management and advice service to everyone. Its main purpose is to assist people in dealing with their existing debt difficulties and to help them begin to manage their finances. Contact No. 076 1072610.

**The Date of Easter:** At the Council of Nicaea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the Spring equinox. Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days from the Calendar and this discrepancy between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars results often in a difference in the date for Easter in East and West as they follow the two Calendars. This does not happen in 2017 when the date of Easter for Eastern Christians is also Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Next year Easter Sunday will be 1<sup>st</sup> April and in 2019 it will fall on 21<sup>st</sup> April. The Jewish feast of Passover is celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, beginning at sundown on the previous evening (14 Nissan 5777) and continuing for seven days. The Christian feast of Easter is a feast lasting 50 days, and will continue until Pentecost Sunday, on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### Some Dates for your Diary:

First Communion will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May;

Radio Mass from the Parish Church on 14<sup>th</sup> May;

Ascension will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May;

Pentecost Sunday will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June;

Confirmation will be held in this Parish on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June;

Colmcille Cemetery Mass will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30pm;

St. Mary's New Cemetery Mass will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, at 8pm.

N.B. The Church of the Assumption is **150** years old this year. The week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October and ending on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October will be a special time to mark this.

**Parish Family Prayer:** We pray for all people in those days of Easter: that we may share the joy and hope of Easter and continue to grow in God's light and bring God's presence to all in our lives. Amen.

**All blessings and good wishes for Easter. As we conclude the pilgrimage of Lent, thank you for making the journey with us. May you enjoy these 50 days of Easter, knowing the assurance that journeying with Jesus, we share his life now and always. Fr. Dan.**