

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 28th May

Parish Church	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
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Chapel Hill	Saturday 03 rd June Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 03rd June, 17th June at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 27th May, 10th June at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Patrick Lennon**, Legan & **James O'Brien**, Mong (5.45pm Mass); **John Lanigan**, Coppengh (7pm Mass); **Ellen Roche** (11am Mass); **Barry Twomey**, **Harry O'Reilly**, Dangan & daughter **Bridie O'Mahony**; **Nancy O'Neill**, Ballinamona; **James & Mary Cassin**, Coolroemore; **Stasia Collins**, Norelands *May they rest in peace.*

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Katie Elizabeth Heafey, Maudlin Court; Aidan Harvey Mullins, Browns Barn; Charlie Nicholas Mullins, Browns Barn; Thomas Hunt, Dunan; Elijah Willibrordus Reid-Veldhuis, Grennan Woods; Nyhan George Gibbons, Berkley Lawn, Nathan Ohle, Monkstown baptised into the family of God recently.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office Tel 056 7793191 or email: thomastown@ossory.ie.

Ministers of the Eucharist for June: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Sr. Anna Patricia Dempsey Helen Comerford
11.00am Alice Challoner Breda Bergin Joe Murphy

Ministers of the Word for June: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Michael Piert Anna Minogue Rita Doyle
Bency Babu Mairead O'Keeffe Valerie Cotter

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

Africa Self Help/Gorta: Church Gate Collection this weekend

A Social Evening for all involved in various Church related activities in the Parish will be held on Tuesday 30th May at the Community Centre, beginning at 7.30pm. If we have overlooked mentioning it to you but are among the above, please come along.

Open Day at the School of Food, from 12 noon to 3 pm Sunday 28th May Food market, children's craft and baking, plant sales, treasure hunt and more.

Making a will in Ireland for parents & carers of children with disabilities. Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow Monday 29th May 10am to 1pm. Contact Family Carers Ireland (Kilkenny) on 056 7721424

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw: the May Draw, the third of the current round of Draws, **will** take place this coming Wednesday at the Chapter House. It is not too late to join. Call to Reddy's, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

St. Mary's National School are running a clothing collection in conjunction with Bag2School. This can include adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags and teddies. The LauraLynn House will also receive an additional 10% from Bag2School. The LauraLynn House is the only Children's Hospice in Ireland. Please leave any unwanted clothes to the school from Monday 29th May to Tuesday, 13th June.

Thomastown Library News for this week: As part of this year's Bealtaine festival Thomastown Library will offer an Introduction to Art Therapy with Rebekah Carroll. This event is free of charge and will take place on Wednesday 31st May from 11am to 12.30pm (Booking essential). We will have Storytime for Children (age 6 and under) on Saturday 10th June starting at 11am. Just in time for the holidays ... we have received a stock of new travel guides covering destinations as diverse as Andalucia, Kenya, Wales, Las Vegas and Thailand. Why not pop in and have a look?

Lough Derg 2017 The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1st June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500 years). See www.loughderg.org

Senior Citizens: Trip to The Titanic, Belfast, 19th September staying overnight in Drogheda. Bookings are now being taken. Also some seats are still available for holiday to Westport. 24th June – 01st July. Contact Rosaleen Garry 087 6912990.

For May we have included prayers to Our Lady. This week we have Mary's prayer, the **Magnificat**.

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God, my saviour.
For he has shown me such favour
– me, his lowly servant.
Now all generations will call me blessed,
because the mighty one has done great things for me.
His name is holy;
his mercy lasts for generation after generation for those who revere him.
He has put forth his strength:
he has scattered the proud and conceited,
torn princes from their thrones; but lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
he has remembered his mercy as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.*