

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 30th July

Parish Church	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday 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 29 th July Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	29 th July, 05 th August at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	12 th August, 26 th August at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries this week: **Brendan Griffin**, Colmcille (Months Mind Mass 7pm Sat.); **Brian Daly**, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass Sat.); **Peggy Dack**, 26, Castle Avenue (11am Mass Sun.) **Hannie & Richie Moore**, and **deceased members of the Moore Family**; **Ned O'Reilly**, Powerswood; **Michael O'Keefe** Smithstown.; **Margaret Doyle**, Newtown Terrace; **Anne O'Hanrahan**, The Quay & Kiljames. *May they rest in peace.*

Mass Intentions next weekend: Catherine & Edward Cottrell Brownsbarn (7pm Sat)

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Mia Bridget Watson-Walsh, The Mall & Ameli Johanne Kolshus, Mount Juliet baptised into the family of God recently.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday night in St Columba's Chapel from 8.00 - 10.00pm. All are welcome.

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. If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

Cemetery Mass: St Mary's New Cemetery Mass on **Friday 4th August at 8 pm**. Please tend your family graves before then, and indeed those nearby if there is nobody around to tidy them up. Do take rubbish home – old wreathes, glass jars in which you put flowers last year to decorate the grave for the Cemetery Mass, plastic decorations – their colour fades – etc. Your financial contribution on the night helps to keep the Cemetery in good condition. It is a sacred space – blessed ground where the remains of our loved ones are laid to rest as they await the Lord's coming in glory.

Ministers of the Eucharist for August: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.
07.00pm Catherine Walsh Benny Anthony Kathleen Gaffney
11.00am Tom Walsh Marian Fennelly Majella Morrissey

Ministers of the Word for August: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Nellie Doherty	Bernie Egan	Noirin Fitzgerald
Alicia Dunphy	Pat Cronin	Mary Doyle

Thank you!! The collection for **Trocaire** last weekend, to assist the people of East Africa who are faced with drought, famine, and social unrest, amounted to **€1615**. If you missed the Collection, you can contribute online.

Community Centre: On the 4th August, Don Stiffe is coming to the Marshes Street venue, The Concert Hall. A passionate and talented singer, his impressive performance style has moved audiences all over the world. Don is on stage at 9.30pm after the Cemetery Mass. Tickets €10 on sale at O'Keefes Daybreak, Market Street & Goatsbridge Trout Farm or at the door.

The Photographic Display to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our present Church of the Assumption in Thomastown is now with the printers, Signiatec of Ballyhale and will hopefully be on view in the rear of the Chapel early in August. Our thanks to all who donated photos for this, to Signiatec for their help and advice, to Joe Doyle for all his help with photos and a special word of gratitude to John Dunphy without whose many hours of help, this project would not have come to fruition. The display will remain on view for a lengthy period.

For Your Diary: Tea Party 8th September at 8pm in the Community Centre as we remember the 150th Anniversary of the Church of The Assumption. Enquiries to Rosaleen 087 6912990, or Mary 087 7546797.

Golf Classic: to be held at Gowran Park on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September. The aim is to raise funds for the refurbishment of the former CYMS building so that it can become a Pastoral Centre for the Parish. Teams of four, €200 per team. Great prizes, meal and goody bag, To book a tee time, contact Fionnula on 087 7799848

Medjugorge Pilgrimage: a group of young people from the Diocese, including four from Thomastown, will travel to Medjugorge on 1st August. There is a box in the Parish Church for your petitions, which they will bring with them.

Knock Shrine - National Novena 2017 Join us for nine days of reflection and prayer for the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock from the 14th-22nd August. Ceremonies will take place daily at 3pm and 8.30pm with daily guest speakers and workshops to enrich and enliven your faith. On **Monday 21st August** we will celebrate the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Programme. See the full programme and schedule of speakers at www.knockshrine.ie/novena2017

To familiarise yourself with the **World Meeting of Families**, which will be held in Dublin in August 2018, go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie Pope Francis believes that the family is a good news message for the people of this time. Much attention leading up to the August gathering will centre around family.

The Priory Institute Online Theology Course. Join a supportive student community and study theology by distance learning this Autumn. Application deadline is 26th September. Enquiries Tel. 01 4048124 email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com web www.prioryinstitute.com

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.