

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Saturday 02 <sup>nd</sup> September Mass	05.45pm
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	02 <sup>nd</sup> September, 16 <sup>th</sup> September at 5.45pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> August, 09 <sup>th</sup> September at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Michael O'Brien**, Coppengh (5.45pm Mass) **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (7pm Mass Saturday); **Philip Raf Heafey**, Prosperous (Months Mind Mass 11am Sunday); **Josie Challoner**, Dangan Terrace; **Thomas & Margaret Begley**, 9 Castle Avenue. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions next weekend:** **Joseph Lannon**, 34, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass Saturday); **Mary Challoner**, Smithstown (9.30am Mass on Sunday). *May they rest in peace.*

**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).

#### Ministers of the Eucharist September. If unavailable, please exchange with another Minister.

<b>07.00pm</b>	Sr. Bernadette	Anne Treacy	Michael Piert
<b>11.00am</b>	Rosaleen Garry	Helena Hull	Cian Hogan

#### Ministers of the Word September. If unavailable, please exchange with another Minister.

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Jincy Babu	Joe Dunphy	Valerie Cotter
Sarah Jane Comerford	Emma O'Keefe	Francis Roche

**First Friday:** Next Friday is the first Friday of the month. 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.

**Golf Classic:** to be held at Gowran Park on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This Classic will 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

**Thomastown Senior Citizens:** Day Trip on the 6<sup>th</sup> September to Clonmacnoise followed by a Shannon Cruise. Contact Rosaleen Garry 087 6912990.

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

**Thomastown Parish Church 150:** We commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Parish Church with the following talks.

**'The Church building in Thomastown'** with Fr. Fergus Farrell, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**'Fr. Drea's Drawings: the graphic diary of an Irish priest, 1912-1914'**, with David Bracken, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**'Thomastown Protestants, 'No petty people'**, with Joe Doyle, and

**'The John White Pipe Organ in Thomastown'**, with Frank Lawrence, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**'A Church alive is the life of the Church'** with Fr. Dermot Ryan, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**'Faith without justice is dead'**, with Fr. Peter McVerry SJ., on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The talks will be held at Thomastown Community Hall, in Marshes Street, at 7.30 each evening.

**The Photographic Display** to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our present Church of the Assumption in Thomastown is now on view in the rear of the Church. Our thanks to all who donated photos for this. Take some time to look at them over the next few weeks.

**N.B. 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October** we will have a number of celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Church. Incidentally, the official opening in 1867 was 7<sup>th</sup> October. We begin the week of celebration with Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. The two schools in the Parish will have liturgies that week. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October we won't have a vigil Mass at the Parish Church. We will hold a Concert, with the Choirs of the Parish joined by individual singers and musicians. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> we won't have 11am Mass – we will have Mass at 3pm, led by Mgr. Ryan, the Diocesan Administrator. Fr. Tom Norris will be our homilist. This will be followed with refreshments at the National School.

**St. Mary's Cathedral Draw:** the August Draw, the sixth 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.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens:** The Shop in the Community Centre is open on Thursday & Friday from 9/3pm. Please support.

**The Priory Institute Online Theology Course.** Join a supportive student community and study theology by distance learning this Autumn. Application deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> September. Enquiries Tel. 01 4048124, email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) web [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Computer Classes:** From mid September Thomastown Library will be aiming to *Get Citizens Online*, with the following classes: **Free Beginner Computer Classes & Free Driver Theory Test tuition.** Classes will be held on Fridays. Call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331.

**Homecare Assistant :** 6+ Years Experience. Available Monday - Wednesday for overnights. Friday-Sunday for days, overnights or live-In. Reliable, trustworthy, honest and hardworking. Completed FETAC level 5, Manual handling, Garda vetted and clean licensed car driver. Experienced in Dementia, Alzheimer's and Challenging Behaviour. References available on request. Call or text for more information. 085-7088325.

**All good wishes** to all returning to School these days. This is a new time, as things settle down after the Summer. A time of new resolutions. Remember, Tus maith, leath na h-oibre!!