

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th August

Parish Church	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
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Mong	Saturday 26 th August Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 19th, August, 02nd September at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 26th August, 09th September at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Billy Daly**, 42, Castle Avenue (11am Mass on Sunday); **Joe Walsh**, Low Street; **Hannah Heafey**, Newtown Terrace; **James O'Neill**, 2, Castle Avenue; **Jim Minogue**, Cloughabrody; **Bobby Grace**, Logan Street.. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions next weekend: **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (7pm Mass Saturday); **Philip Raf Heafey**, Prosperous (Months Mind Mass 11am Sunday); *May they rest in peace.*

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its church door collection this weekend 19th/20th August. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

Knock Shrine - National Novena 2017 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.

World Meeting of Families 2018 Programme will be launched at Knock on Monday 21st August. See the full programme and schedule of speakers at www.knockshrine.ie/novena2017

Golf Classic: to be held at Gowran Park on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd 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 6th September to Clonmacnoise followed by a Shannon Cruise. Contact Rosaleen Garry 087 6912990

150 Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd August at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

The Photographic Display to celebrate the 150th 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, 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, and to Joe Dunphy who organised the project. Take some time to look at them over the next few weeks.

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 7th September.

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

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

'The John White Pipe Organ in Thomastown', with Frank Lawrence, on Wednesday 20th September.

'A Church alive is the life of the Church' with Fr. Dermot Ryan, on Monday 25th September.

'Faith without justice is dead', with Fr. Peter McVerry SJ., on Thursday 5th October.

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

St Mary's National School Parents' Association and Grennan College Parents' Council have jointly organised for David Coleman, renowned psychologist, to talk on 'Communicating Effectively with Children and Teenagers' on 28th September 2017 in GC Leisure Gym at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now for €10 from Healy's Pharmacy, Market Street, Thomastown.

Thomastown Library News: As part of Heritage Week Events, Thomastown Library will host a Butterfly Making Workshop for children ages 8+. This will take place on Tuesday 22nd August from 11 to 12.30pm. Booking essential, contact us on 056 7794331 thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie

TA-DA! TA-DA kicks off in September at the Concert Hall in Thomastown. TA-DA stands for Theatre and Dramatic Arts. TA-DA Drama Classes will be run for children every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8.30. There will be two groups aged 8-10 and 11-13. This is a chance for children to learn about stage craft, acting, writing, improvisation and a lot more. Also coming soon...Gran-Dram. Gran-Dram is a Drama Group for the young at heart. Gran-Dram is for senior citizens who are looking to get out, meet up with friends and tread the boards. Details to follow very soon.

South Kilkenny Historical Society - Heritage Week 2017 event. Local History Mystery Tour of Kilmacow on Sunday, August 27th 2pm, Kilmacow Sports Complex
The Eire National Association - 1940 to 1945 (Irish conscientious objectors in New Zealand during World War II) Speaker: Mr Peter Burke (New Zealand journalist) Sunday, August 20th in The Rising Sun, Mullinavat 6pm.

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Graigueunanagh Town of Books Festival takes place from 25th to 27th August. For further information, please check the website, graigueunanaghtownofbooks.com

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