

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 10th September

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
	Wednesday Lectio Divina	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 16 th September Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 16th September, 30th September at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 09th September, 23rd September at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Thomas Rowley**, Oldcourt, Inistioige (7pm Mass Saturday); **Brid & Jack Cahill** Newtown Terrace (10am Mass Tuesday); **William and Mary O'Keefe** (9.30am Mass Friday); **Mary Fitzsimons**, 6 Newtown Terrace; **Costelloe Family**, Pipe Street. *May they rest in peace.*

Mass Intentions next weekend: **Michael Kennedy**, Bun Na Coille, Brownsbarn (7pm Mass Saturday.) May he 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 next weekend 16th/17th September. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

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.

N.B. 1st to 8th October we will have a number of celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Church. Incidentally, the official opening in 1867 was 7th October. We begin the week of celebration with Mass on Sunday 1st. The two schools in the Parish will have liturgies that week. *On Saturday 7th 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 8th 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.*

THOMASTOWN PARISH CHURCH 150th CELEBRATION

We recall the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Parish Church with the following talks. THIS WEEK'S TALK - '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.

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. Take some time to look at them over the next few weeks.

The Church Hangings, specially for our sesquicentennial, were prepared by Sorcha Reilly, Brigid Reilly and Chrissie Keating. Thank you!! For those who served Mass while it was in Latin, or have a yearning for things old, notice 'I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy'. (Psalm 43), the opening words of the old Mass..... Introibo ad altare Dei, a Deum qui laetificat juventutem meum.

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

The Moonlight Theatre Group: 1st production takes place for three nights Thursday 14th, Friday 15th & Saturday 16th September 8pm nightly at the Marshes Street venue Concert Hall/Community Centre. Admission €12. Tickets at O'Keeffes Daybreak, Market St. or at the door on the night

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.

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

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, Sept 16th from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact: Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

Congratulations to Galway, and all Galway people, after a good weekend. This time we wish well to Kilkenny Senior Camogie panel who take on Cork in the All Ireland, and Kilkenny Under 21 team who do **All Ireland duties** also. A fine photograph on page 65 of the Kilkenny People this weekend! A fair job managing the ladies of the Intermediate final. I'm sure Liz and the boys will be well able for the task.

First Light: Supporting suddenly bereaved parents and families. This year our fundraising event the Barrow Walk will take place on Saturday 23rd. September @ 10.30 a.m.. If people would like to take part all they have to do is go to our website www.firstlight.ie and register on line. Contact No.01 8732711. All are very welcome!

Parish Prayer: *We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may invite Jesus to be with us in all we do, and that we may treat all people as he would wish us to treat them as we live out the call to love as God has loved us here in Thomastown.*