

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Mass	05.45pm
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 16<sup>th</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 5.45pm  
**Mass in Mong** 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Michael Kennedy**, Bun Na Coille, Brownsbarn (7pm Mass Saturday.) **Toddy Davis**, Dangan, (11.00am Mass Sunday.) **Laurence Holden**, Knockbrack; **John Walsh**, Powerswood, **John and Elizabeth Doolan**, Mill Street. *May they rest in peace.*

**Mass Intentions next weekend:** **Marian Lennon**, Legan & England (5.45pm Mass Sat); **Ann Phelan**, The Quay, (7pm Mass Sat); **John Costelloe**, Pipe St. & Galway (9.30am Mass Sun.); **Billy O'Brien**, Friarshill. (11.00am Mass Sun.) *May they rest in peace.*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** holds its church door collection this weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 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 next weekend 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.

**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.*

**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 CHURCH 150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

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

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

**Tea Party:** Mary and Rosaleen take this opportunity to thank everybody who supported the fundraiser or helped in any way. The amount raised was €3,694.00 for which we are very grateful.

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

**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.

**Scrabble Group:** Thomastown Library would like to start a Scrabble Group. If you are interested in joining please give us a ring on 056 7794331. All levels welcome.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture:** The Origins of Waterford Glass by Dr. Martin Hearne. Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 8pm. Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) Admission: €5 (society members and students free). All welcome

**A CURSILLO WEEKEND** in Seville Lodge, Kilkenny. Are you seeking Happiness, Peace, Joy, Friendship, Human and Spiritual Development and wish to become the person Jesus wants you to be. The Cursillo in Christianity Weekend is for you. Men's weekend 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 Women's weekend 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. For Details, Contact: Fr. Seán Kelly, OFM, Cap Kilkenny Capuchin Friary, email: [kellybrosean@aol.com](mailto:kellybrosean@aol.com) or ring 0870550584.

**First Light:** Supporting suddenly bereaved parents and families. The Barrow Walk will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](http://www.firstlight.ie) and register on line. Contact : 01 8732711. All are very welcome!

**Handel's Messiah - Knock Basilica** on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm. Presented by Liz Nolan, RTE lyric fm. Tickets available now at [www.knockmessiah.com](http://www.knockmessiah.com) and at the *Witness to Hope* office Knock Shrine.

**Best wishes** to the young people who got Junior Cert results recently. Whether Transition Year beckons or you go direct to fifth year, have a good year.

**Parish Prayer:** *We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we will understand that when we come together to pray, to learn, to sing, or to do something together that if we invite Jesus in, then he will be with us, listening to us and guiding us to do what is right in our lives.*