

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th October

Parish Church	Sunday Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
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	Lectio Divina Wednesday	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 21st October, 04th November at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 14th October, 11th November at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (7pm Mass Sat.); **Kathleen Denieffe**, Newtown (09.30am Mass Sun.); **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass Sun.); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (9.30am Mass Wed.) May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway (5.45pm Mass); **Michael Conlon**, Legan (7pm Mass Sat.); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin Street (09.30am Mass Sun.); **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (11am Mass Sun.)

October Stations Please remember to support the priest in the Parish financially. If you haven't got an envelope, please put your offering in an ordinary envelope, with your name and address.

St. Mary's National School: Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol children in Junior Infants for September, 2018 in St. Mary's National School may do so during **Enrolment Week, Monday, 16th October to Friday, 20th October**. Parents/guardians may bring their children to the school to be enrolled any morning that week between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Enrolment forms are available at the School or through the local preschools. The completed forms must be returned with a Birth Certificate. The school will also require a Baptismal Certificate if the child has been baptised – this will not be necessary if your child was baptised in Thomastown.

Grennan College will celebrate Mass to ask God's blessing on their School year next Tuesday at midday.

Do This In Memory Programme next Sunday at 11am Mass.

SOS Church Gate Collection: Next weekend 21st/22nd October.

Thomastown & District Community Text Alert: AGM Monday 16th October 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Marshes Street. The yearly subscription is now due.

Dates for your Diary: **First Confessions will be held Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm.**
First Communion will be held on Saturday 12th May 2018 at 11am.
Confirmation will be held on Saturday 16th June, 2018 at 11am.

A word of **THANKS** to all who joined, over the past few months, in the occasions arranged to celebrate 150 years of our Parish Church. Your participation was very much appreciated, as indeed was the hard work of the 150 Committee and many others who lent a hand. Church has to do with people together, and your presence lifted many hearts. Thanks to all who provided cakes for the Reception after our Sunday Mass. Please God the Parish Church will continue to be a centre for the People of God to come together.

Calendar 2018: A calendar commemorating the Sesquicentennial is available costing €10. It can be purchased from Parish Office, Reddy's Gift Shop, O'Keeffe's, Centra, The Credit Union, Prendergast Butchers & St. Mary's National School. This will be a lovely present for people away from home, a worthy Christmas present, and a wonderful memento to cherish.

AQMass Cards People continue to remember to pray, and have Mass offered for people when times are difficult, or good, or at the time of death. Signed Mass cards will be available at the Parish Office, and at the Churches of the Parish. At the Churches, please call to the Sacristy. If getting Mass Cards elsewhere, be sure to check the identity of the Priest undertaking to have the Mass said.

Pro-life meeting/workshop in Kilkenny city on Oct 18 at Hotel Kilkenny at 7.30pm. Contact Simon Nestor on 087 9058268 for further information.

St Luke's Hospital, Carlow and Kilkenny will be holding its **Annual Memorial Mass for all deceased patients** of the Hospital on Tuesday, October 17th at 7.30pm. The Mass will take place in St Canice's Church, Kilkenny All attending the Mass will be invited to light a candle on arrival at the church and place it close to the display of names before Mass begins.

Taizé Youth Trip 2018: A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from 24th June to 1st July 2018. A week in Taizé is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make the trip to Taizé each year.

The trip is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students. Numbers are confined to 25 young people. For additional information, including cost, and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

TAIZE: Br Jean-Marie of Taizé will meet with students, young people in WIT on Monday, 23rd October 2017 [at 2pm](#). There will be a chance to meet and pray in the evening [7.30 - 9.00pm](#) in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, Waterford. All are welcome!

The Annual Craft Fair at Camphill Community, Kyle near Coolagh, Callan takes place Sunday 22nd October 2017 from 1pm/5pm.

***Parish Prayer:** We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may live our lives as God asks us to, with respect and care and love for our neighbours for all people throughout the world.*

All Church personnel have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. The New Revised Safeguarding Children Policy & standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016 is now available at www.safeguarding.ie

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children contact:

Tusla – Child and Family Agency: Kilkenny area: tel 059 9136570

Garda National Protective Services Bureau 01 666 3430 / 01 666 3435

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person – Ms Geraldine Butler: 087 100 0232

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 316 www.towardshealing.ie