

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Parish Church	Sunday Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	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 18th November, 02nd December at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 11th November, 25th November at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: Pat Heffernan Achill (5.45pm Mass Sat); Alice O'Keeffe, Smithstown, (9.30am Mass Sun.); Betty & Tommy Delaney, Pipe Street (11am Mass Sun.); Martin & Bridget Moore, Ballydonnell. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: G.A.A Hurling Club (7pm Mass); Michael Furlong, Cloughabrody Heights (9.30am Mass); James Reid, Knockard & late of London (Months Mind Mass 11am)

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate collection next weekend 18th/19th November. Please Support.

November Offerings 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.

The Book of the Names of the Dead is placed near St. Joseph's altar in the Parish Church. You are invited to place in that book the names you would like us to remember during November. Come to Church, visit the Cemetery and spare a prayer for all who have gone before us. The best assurance that we will be remembered after our deaths will be to maintain a tradition of prayer for the dead.

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.

Peter McVerry Trust: The Trust has gratefully acknowledged receipt of €1,450 the proceeds of the recent 150th anniversary Concert.

Mass Cards People continue 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 the responsibility of saying the Mass.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: The Annual Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 17th December at 2pm in the Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny. €10 per person. Names to any Committee Members in the Hall Thursday/Friday 9/3pm

Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith: will be held on Sunday 26th November the Feast of Christ the King. See poster at rear of church for details.

Country Folk & Gospel Acoustic Show, featuring Kathy Durkin, Pat Hayes and others in St. Beacons Church Mullinavat Thursday 16th November at 8pm Admission:€15 (tickets available at the door on the night)

St. Mary's National School are running a clothing collection in conjunction with Bag2School. This can include adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags and teddies. The LauraLynn House will also receive an additional 10% from Bag2School. The LauraLynn House is the only Children's Hospice in Ireland. Please leave any unwanted clothes to the school from Monday 13th November to Tuesday, 5th December.

BTEI (Back to Education Initiative) are holding Free Computer Course Starting 13th/14th of November for 5 weeks 2.30pm – 4.30pm at Unit 7 Danville Business Park Kilkenny.

SHARING FAIR will hold a Crafts Sale and Coffee Morning in Langtons in Kilkenny on 18th November from 10am to 1.30pm. The purchase of crafts made in projects established by Kilkenny nun Sr Mary Hayden in Thailand helps to provide employment for people living in extreme poverty.

Wellness at Work (2 Workshops): Facilitated by the Recovery College South East, Greenshill, Kilkenny on Monday 20th November and Monday 27th November from 10.30am – 2pm. This workshop will explore and build awareness around our wellbeing and mental health in the workplace and how it impacts on us as Managers and Employees. For further information and bookings, please contact the Recovery College at 056 7703666 or email recoverycollegesoutheast@gmail.com.

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

Accord is the official provider of Pre-Marriage courses. Check the Accord website for information or to book a place on one of the Courses coming up in the next few months. The email address is accord@ossory.ie, Telephone number 056 7722674.

Accord - Dates for Pre Marriage Courses 2018 January - 19th/20th; February - 23rd/24th; March 23rd/24th; April 27th/28th; May 25th/26th; June 22nd/23rd; Seville Lodge Callan Road Kilkenny Friday night 7.30pm to 10pm, Saturday 10am to 5.30pm, Light Lunch - 1pm to 2pm, Cost €150.00. Contact: Mary Curtin at 056 7722674 or book online at www.accord.ie

Parish Prayer: *We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may do all that we can to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom, by following Jesus' teaching and treating others as we would wish to be treated.*