

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

05th November, 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 05th NOVEMBER

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

Deaths/Anniversaries: Pat Stapleton, 7, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass Sun); Mr M O Kurian (10am Mass Tues); William Grace, Grennan; David Walshe, Dysart; Patrick Fanning, Grennan; Thomas Redmond, Marshes Street; Elizabeth Long, The Mall. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Alice O'Keeffe, Smithstown (9.30am Mass Sun.); Betty & Tommy Delaney, Pipe Street (11am Mass Sun.)

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.

Irish Heart Foundation Church Gate collection this weekend.

Ministers of the Eucharist for Nov: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Sr. Anna	Helen Comerford	Teresa Cassin
11.00am	Mary Butler	Bernie Dempsey	Seamus Quigley

Ministers of the Word for Nov: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Bency Babu	Mary Lannon	Chrissie Keating
Siobhan Collier	Maureen Sherlock	Vonnie Walsh

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.

World meeting of Families 2018 Pope Francis recently told Commissioner Phil Hogan that he will be visiting Ireland for the World meeting of Families in August. Read about it on www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Columba's Tuesday 8/9pm. All welcome. Please bring a friend.

Cemetery: Headstones may have been damaged with the recent stormy weather, wreathes and other decorations blown away. Please check your graves.

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

Community Centre: Work is continuing on reinstating the balcony in the Concert Hall. Proceeds from the upcoming play "Lovers Meeting" by Louis Dalton on Thursday & Friday 9th & 10th November will help us towards completing this phase. Please come out and support. Tickets at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170

Aim High was developed to encourage young people to take an active part in their Church, parish and community. It helps young people to understand that religion is not just for learning, or is it a list of rules, but that it is for living life to the full. This is for young people, 16 and over. If interested, contact Michelle Kelly, 0868294958, or Roisin Mernagh, 0868351760, our local co-ordinators, or your school chaplain.

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.

Mass 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.

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

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. Members of the Parish Baptismal Team will call to the homes of the people to be baptised, before the ceremony, and speak of the Sacrament and the ceremony.

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 and at the *Witness to Hope* office Knock Shrine.

MABS: The Kilkenny Money Advice & Budgeting Service, at 8, William St., Kilkenny, provides a Free and Confidential money management and advice service to everyone. Its main purpose is to assist people in dealing with their existing debt difficulties and to help them begin to manage their finances. Contact No. 076 1072610.

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love. And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Prayer: We pray for those who are grieving. Our grief is a sign of our deep love for those we have lost. We ask God to comfort those who mourn and touch the depth of their sadness with tenderness and a sense of peace. We call on our Mother, Mary to comfort those of us who grieve and to hold us as one who understands our deep loss, as we say Hail Mary