

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th November, 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Eucharistic Service	09.30am
	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 Mass for patients who died in the past year	10.00am
	Thursday Eucharistic Service	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 25th November, 09th December at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **G.A.A Hurling Club** (7pm Mass Sat); **Michael Furlong**, Cloughabrody Heights (9.30am Mass Sun); **James Reid**, Knockard & late of London (Months Mind Mass 11am Sun); **Patricia Carolan**, Dublin: **Teresa & James Lee**, 39, Newtown Terrace; **Shiela Kirby**, Dangan Terrace; **Mary O'Neill**, nee Landy Station Road; **Alice Reddy**, Dangan; **Alan Reddy**, Graiguenamanagh; **Betty Byrne**, Dangan, **Kathleen Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey. **Jack Collins**, Kilcross, Inistioge. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **William Kavanagh**, Cloughabrody (7pm Mass Sat); **Peg Daniels** & her son **Paddy**, Kilmoganny (9.30am Mass Sun); **Kelly Walsh**, Cloughabrody (11am Mass Sun). May they rest in peace.

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate collection this weekend. Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as World Day of the Poor. This monthly collection is a good way of responding to his call.

Collection for Retired Priests next weekend 25th/26th November.

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.

Do This In Memory Programme next Sunday 26th November at 11am Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 20th to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

Parish Adoration for Feast of Christ the King Each parish in the Diocese is invited to hold a Holy Hour on Sunday 26th November whereas for the past few years members of each parish were invited to observe the 40 Hours at the Cathedral. Here in Thomastown we will hold a **Holy Hour from 3 to 4pm**. At this time we will pray for Vocations, that the Lord will call people to serve the people of the Diocese, and especially as Bishop, Priests or Religious.

Trocaire Romero Family Award Google to find out more about the award. The aim is to provide families with the opportunity to learn about the lives of other families around the world where Trocaire works. To enter, email romeroaward@trocaire.org Blessed Oscar Romero said: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday & Sunday 25th/26th November 12noon to 5pm. Chance for people to get some lovely presents for Christmas. Proceeds to Thomastown Community Centre. Raffle proceeds to the Friends of St. Columba's.

Calendar 2018: the calendar commemorating the Sesquicentennial is available costing €10. It can be purchased from the Parish Office, Reddy's Gift Shop, O'Keeffe's, Centra, The Credit Union, Prendergast Butchers & St. Mary's National School.

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 and Christmas Mass Bouquets will be available at the Parish Office, and at the Churches of the Parish. At the Churches, please call to the Sacristy.

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 9.30pm/2.30pm.

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.

Community Centre Christmas Day: Traditional Christmas Dinner will be served on the 25th December at the Concert Hall Community Centre between 12 noon and 2pm for those who don't have family to go to or maybe feel like having a change. This is an initiative that is being tried this year and it will only happen if interest is shown. Please drop in Monday to Friday between 10am and 12 noon and give your name. Alternatively, you can call 087 7728170

The Three Tenors in Concert on Saturday 9th December at 8pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Tickets €25. This concert is to raise funds for the renovation work at the Cathedral.

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.

FREE Professional Cookery Course QQI Level 4 Starting in January 2018, please contact our office at Unit 7 Danville Business Park Ring Road Kilkenny on 0567701020.

Alzheimer Society Of Ireland Kilkenny: 5 K Fun Run/Walk Nov 26th @ 11am in the Castle Park Kilkenny. Registration @ 10.30 am in the Tennis Club, raffle and refreshments afterwards. For info call Shane 086 8452489 or email: smahony19@gmail.com donations DONATE.IE/KKFUNRUN.

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 8th to 10th December 2017 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. What to expect? Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people. Booking essential. See www.youth2000.ie or Tel 01 6753690

Thomastown Camogie All good wishes to Thomastown, County Champions, who take on St. Martins, the Wexford Champions, this weekend in the All Ireland Club Championship.

Parish Prayer: *We pray for our parish, family and friends and neighbours: 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.*