

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

03rd December 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 03rd December

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
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	Wednesday morning Lectio Divina	10.00am
	Thursday Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception	07.30pm
	Friday Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception	11.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Friday Mass Feast of The Immaculate Conception	09.30am
Confessions	11am Saturday and after 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	02 nd December 16 th December at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	09 th December at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries **John Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass Sat); **Frances White**, Knocknaboola (9.30am Mass Sun); **Maureen Croke**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass Sun) & **Peggy Martin**, Perth (Months Mind 11am Mass Sun); **Eileen O'Mahony**, Carrickmourne (9.30am Mass Thursday); **William Mackey**, Logan Street; **John & Ellen McGrath**, **Gabrielle Schmidt**, Columcille. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Bernie Stapleton** (7pm Mass); **Dick Forristal**, Colmcille (7pm Mass); **Stephen Ryan**, Stoneyford (9.30am Mass); **Sean O'Sullivan**, Burrellspark (11am Mass). May they rest in peace.

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

07.00pm	Sr. De Lourdes	Fiona Fitzpatrick	Patricia Dempsey
11.00am	Alice Challoner	Anne Donnelly	Seamus Quigley

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Betty O'Connor	Anna Minogue	Josie Beck
Ann Casey	Emma O'Keeffe	Janet Sahafi

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital on Tuesday 8/9pm. All are welcome.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday next, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please leave notices for publication to the Office Wednesday afternoon.

Calendar 2018 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. We are down to the last box of calendars, so get yours soon so that you won't be disappointed.

Christmas Cards, with Thomastown 150 photographs, will be available next weekend. Packs of 6 cards will cost €8.

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.

Watergarden Thomastown: Advent Fair Sunday 3rd December 12/5pm.

Community Centre: A Children's Christmas Movie will be shown on a big screen on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm after the lights have been turned on the Christmas Tree and Market Street has been lit up. Come and relive the Tower Cinema days. Admission €5 for all.

St. Mary's National School a clothing collection ends Tuesday, 5th December.

Thomastown Library will be showing a Christmas Film for Children upstairs in the library on Saturday 9th December at 11am. www.kilkennylibrary.ie 056 7794331

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. See www.youth2000.ie

Thukolo Gospel Choir and other musicians and singers present a fundraising concert at St. Fiacre's Church, Kilkenny at 7.30pm on Friday, 8th December. Funds raised will help bring young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. Tickets €8 at the door on the evening.

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

Adult Faith Development Offerings for Advent

Advent Text for the Day. A thought for each day of Advent. Text your mobile number to 0858313100.

An Advent Tweet Daily Thought. Follow the Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese

Advent Web Post Daily Thought. Log on to www.ossory.ie

Thought for the Day Mini-Booklets, costing €2.

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 Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society: Church door Collection will be held at all Masses next weekend 10th/11th November. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669**, for anyone in need.

Aim High: Meeting 4th December at 8pm in the Adoration Chapel in the Parish Church. Looking forward to meeting all participants.

The Annual General Meeting of Thomastown GAA Club will take place on Mon 18th Dec at 8pm in the Community Centre Thomastown. Motion/Nomination forms are available on the club website (<http://thomastown.gaa.ie>) or from the club secretary. All motions and nominations must be returned no later than Mon 11th Dec to Club Secretary Mick Walsh, Low St., Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

Parish Prayer: *We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we approach this Advent season with fresh eyes, asking the Lord to help us relate His timeless Advent truths to our lives in powerful new ways.*