

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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### CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	11.00am
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Eve Family Mass</b>	<b>06.00pm</b>
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>08.00pm</b>
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Mass	11.00am
	Monday 01 <sup>st</sup> January <b>New Year's Day Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
	Wednesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Friday 05 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Vigil Mass Feast of the Epiphany</b>	<b>07.30pm</b>
	Saturday 06 <sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	11.00am
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Advent Mass	09.30am
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>09.30am</b>
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday 02 <sup>nd</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Thursday 04 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 06 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Feast of the Epiphany Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
	Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	09.30am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>07.30pm</b>
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December & 06 <sup>th</sup> January	05.45pm
<b>Mong</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> January	05.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Una Kelly** (Months Mind Mass 7.00pm); **Baby John Ward** (Months Mind Mass 10.00am Wed); **Mary Moylan**, Cloughabrody **Kathleen Holden**, Knockbrack; **John Maher**, Ladywell; **The Johnston Family**, Ladywell; **Luke Donnelly**, Jerpoint Church; **Margaret Behan**, Mount Juliet; **Mary Kelly**, 42 Newtown Tce; **Patrick Doyle**, Kilfane; **Sean Doyle**, Noreview Crescent & Columcille; **Kate Power**, Kilfane; **Kieran Power Snr. Kieran Power Jnr. Helena Power & Jim Power**, Jerpoint; **Terry Brennan**, Cloughabrody Heights; **Fr. John Fennelly, Lucy Fennelly**, Knock & Thomastown; **Larry & Mary Fennelly**, Noreview Crescent; **Bridie Minogue**, Cloughabrody, **Conor Doyle**, Jerpoint West; May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Maura Collins**, Knocknaboola (Month's Mind Mass, 11am Sun.), **Matthew Kearney & Michael Kearney**, Ballydonnell, (7pm Mass Sat); **Mgr. Paul Fitzgerald** (9.30am Mass Sun.)

**Christmas 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.

**Community Centre Christmas Day:** Traditional Christmas Dinner will be served on the 25<sup>th</sup> December at the Concert Hall Community Centre between 12 noon and 3pm. Call 087 7728170 for details. Thanks to all who have organised and donated to this event.

**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.

**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.

**Parish Office:** *The Office will be reopening on 03<sup>rd</sup> January. Meanwhile, please email anniversaries or leave a note in the Letter Box at the Parish Office.*

**Accord - Dates for Pre-Marriage Courses 2018** January - 19th/20<sup>th</sup>; February - 23rd/24<sup>th</sup>; March 23rd/24<sup>th</sup>; April 27th/28<sup>th</sup>; May 25th/26<sup>th</sup>; June 22nd/23<sup>rd</sup>; 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](http://www.accord.ie)

**Some TV picks of the week**, recommended by The Irish Catholic: Angela's Christmas RTE1, Christmas Eve, 6.20pm, Pope Francis' Christmas Message, RTE1, Christmas Day, 11am, The Archbishop's Christmas Message, RTE1, Christmas Day, 12.10pm, Tom Jones and Beverly Knight's Gospel Christmas, BBC 2, Christmas Day, 9pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration** 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 in St. Columba's Hosapital Chapel 8/9 pm. All welcome.

**SUICIDE AWARENESS GATHERING** - St. John's Church, Kilkenny, Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. Speaker: Mr. Kenneth Egan (2008 Olympic Silver Medalist). Music by local Kilkenny Artists. All welcome

**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.

**Family Carers Ireland** will be holding their annual church gate collections on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> & Sun 31<sup>st</sup> December. All funds raised are used locally to continue to provide supports & services to family carers. They appreciate your continued support.

**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

**Parish Prayer:** *We pray for our parish, families and friends: Free us from any worry or troubles that we may have. Help us to be ready to welcome the light of Christ into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of hope. May hope fill our hearts, our minds and our homes. Amen.*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**, *Nollaig Shona Dhuit, Joyeux Noel, Frohe Weihnachten, Christmas inte mangalaashamsakal, Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad*