

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Eucharistic Service	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Eucharistic Service	10.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 17<sup>th</sup> February 10<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45pm  
**Mass in Mong** 03<sup>rd</sup> March 17<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** Eileen Davis, Dangan (7pm Mass Sat); **Brigid Monahan**, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind Mass 11am Sun.); **J P Monahan**, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass Sun.); **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe Street (11am Mass Sun.); **Mary O'Keefe**, Kilmurray. (11am Mass Sun.); **Gregg Hoban**, Clossgregg; **Paddy Manning**, Upper Kilmurray; **Ray J. Hughes**; **Thomas & Michael Hogan**, Coolroebeg; **Susan Wallace**, Jerpoint Abbey. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** Catherine O'Byrne, Jerpoint West (9.30 Mass Sun); Harry Beck, 28, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass Sun).

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

**Eucharistic Ministers** People willing to serve in Church as Eucharistic Ministers are trained during Lent. Will you consider serving in this way, please. Say Yes, like Mgr. Farrell to his call. Please talk with one of the Eucharistic Ministers or with Fr. Dan or Margaret Ryan. Training will take place Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am -12.30.

**Parish Website:** We are currently updating our Parish Website and are looking for updated information from all our local organisations and clubs. Please send your details by email to [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** holds its church door collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

**Thomastown Safeguarding** Our Safeguarding representatives are Brigid Cassin Begley and Ray O'Carroll. Their task is to see that policies and procedures are adhered to in all Churches and Church activities. To contact them, you might like to leave a message for them at the Parish Office.

**Mgr. Dermot Farrell** will be ordained Bishop of Ossory on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Cathedral at 3pm. If you would like to attend, please give us your name. Space is limited at the Cathedral, so invitations will be forwarded to the people of the parish.

**Thomastown Lenten Pilgrimages**, thinking of Family. You are invited to visit the Churches during Lent - Chapel Hill Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm; St Columba's Hospital on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10am; Mong on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm; the Parish Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society:** Lecture by Mr Walter Kirwan (formerly Dept. of the Taoiseach): Working Towards Peace in Northern Ireland. Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 8pm. Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) Admission: €5 (members and students free). All welcome

**Arthritis Kilkenny Branch** - Monthly Talk & Tea. "Are you aged between 35 - 75 years & been diagnosed with [osteoarthritis](#) of the knee? Atlanta food trials are investigating if a raspberry extract can help improve symptoms of osteoarthritis in the knee. Are you interested in taking part in the food trial? Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Ossory Park Community Centre, Kilkenny City. Guest speaker 11am - 12 noon Tea, coffee & chats 12noon - 1pm. For information call 0871491767

**Trocaire**, one of the Irish Catholic Church agencies for helping the needy, needs your help.

**Lenten Offerings** If you don't receive envelopes, please contact the Parish Office – you may not be on Parish list, so it will be good to include you. We need your financial support. Regarding the method of payment, The Finance Committee suggests that you may find it more convenient to set up a Standing Order using the following information: Account Name: Thomastown Church Parochial Current Account. BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE39BOFI90609911711780.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens:** Community Shop open Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm. Please support.

**Lenten Crusade for Life:** Why not offer up your Prayer, Rosary and Fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Crusade for life. Starts 14<sup>th</sup> February – 01<sup>st</sup> April.

**National Rally to Protect the Unborn and Disabled Children from Abortion** on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March in Dublin City Centre, starting at Parnell Square at 2pm. If you Care, you cannot Kill. Please support this March for Life. Bus from Loughboy, Kilkenny, at 10.00 am. Contact Ron at 086 669 6632.

**Kilkenny Sub Aqua Search & Recovery unit:** We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent church gate collection, contributing €492.95. Your generosity is most appreciated.

**Social Basketball:** Grennan College every Wednesday 8pm. All welcome. Contact Mary 086 8610116

**Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love**, is the letter written by Pope Francis on Love in the Family. As our Lenten Pilgrimage dwells on the Family, each week on the Newsletter we will include a thought from the letter. *'Not all discussions of doctrinal, moral or pastoral issues need to be settled by interventions of the magisterium. Unity of teaching and practice is certainly necessary in the Church, but this does not preclude various ways of interpreting some aspects of that teaching or drawing certain consequences from it. This will always be the case as the Spirit guides us towards the entire truth, until he leads us fully into the mystery of Christ and enables us to see all things as he does. 'Cultures are in fact quite diverse and every general principle needs to be enculturated, if it is to be respected and applied'*.