

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	11.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday "Ash Wednesday" Mass	09.30am
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	Friday Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	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	17 th February, 10 th March at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	10 th February, 03 rd March at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Anne McFadden Beck**, Singapore, and formerly Dangan Terrace, **Mary Moore**, Colmcille (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Gretta Dunphy**, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Mary Dunne**, Jerpoint Church, (Months Mind 11am Mass); **Kathleen & Patrick Delahunty**, Mill Street (11am Mass); **John Delahunty**, 35, Newtown Terrace (11am Mass); **Andrew & Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway, (10am Mass, Tuesday); **John & Mary McDonald**, Mong; **Michael Minogue**, Jerpoint West; **Elizabeth and Danny Challoner**, Newtown Terrace; **Eileen & Carmel Ryan**, Newtown Terrace; **John Morrissey**, Coolroemore. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Eileen Davis**, Dangan (7pm Mass Sat); **Brigid Monahan**, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind Mass 11am Sun.); **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe Street (11am Mass Sun.); **Mary O'Keefe**, Kilmurray. (11am Mass Sun.)

Anniversary Masses: Over the past few months it has become increasingly difficult to accommodate the number of Anniversary Masses requested in the weekend Mass schedule. With immediate effect, as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months mind remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass.

Do This in Memory Mass with those preparing for First Communion this Sunday at 11am.

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 17th and 24th February 10.30am -12.30.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its church door collection next weekend 17th/18th February. 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.

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

Trocaire as Lent begins we are reminded that one way to mark the season is to deny ourselves so that others may live. This year we think of the support we can channel to families through Trocaire, one of the Catholic Church agency for helping the needy. Please take home a Trocaire box, and fill it.

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.

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Check the online Lenten resources on the website www.ossory.ie
See the notice in the Church notice board for further Lenten offerings.

Parents of School going-children: A Free information evening for parents on issues facing students of all ages. Springhill Court Hotel Monday 12th February 7.30 -9.30 pm. 0868203521.

National Rally to Protect the Unborn and Disabled Children from Abortion on Saturday, 10th 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.

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17 June 2018. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest. Contact Denis Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.

Family Carers Ireland wish to thank all volunteers the local people for their generosity when supporting the annual Church gate collection. The amount raised was €3,764. For more info on Family Carers Ireland contact them on 056 7721424.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love, is the letter written by Pope Francis on Love in the Family following the two recent Synods on the Family. As our Lenten Pilgrimage dwells on the Family, each week on the Newsletter we will include a thought from the letter. *'For all the many signs of crisis in the institution of marriage, the Pope says, 'the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant, and this is an inspiration to the Church'. The Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed. Families are not a problem. They are good news indeed. (1-7) What do you think? Is the Christian 'angle' on the family good news for humanity?'*