

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th February 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Eucharistic Service	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday, 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	03 rd March, 17 th March at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	10 th March, 24 th March at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Philip Cushen, Graiuenamanagh & **Patrick Burke**, Station Rd., recently deceased. **Marion Dunne**, Dangan Tce., (7pm Mass Sat); **Catherine O'Byrne**, Jerpoint West (9.30 Mass Sun); **Harry Beck**, 28, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass Sun); **Bridget & Patrick Dunphy and Family**, 24 Newtown Tce & England.; **Tommy Reddy**, Dangan; **Andy Farrelly**, 7, Castle Avenue; **Margaret Fennelly**, Boher; **Michael Dempsey**, 23, Newtown Tce; **Molly Grace**, 5, Castle Avenue. **Tom & Annie Walsh**, Mill Street. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Finbar Phelan, 10 Newtown Tce. (Months Mind 7pm Mass Sat); **Roly Collier**, Friars Hill & **Alice Collier** (7pm Mass Sat); **Michael, Melvin & Mary Power**, (7pm Mass Sat). May they rest in peace.

Enrolment for Confirmation for Boys & Girls 6th Class St. Mary's N.S. will take place at 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 28th February.

You shall be my Witnesses: The Parish Confirmation Programme begins on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm and will run for four Wednesdays.

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

07.00pm	Mary McComb	Anne Lee	Margaret Ryan
11.00am	Rosaleen Garry	K C Babu	Helena Hull

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Betty O'Connor	Mary Lannon	Tom Brett
Pat Doherty	Maureen Sherlock	Alice Challoner

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Aaron James Dalton, Mallfield baptised into the family of God recently.

Do This in Memory Programme next Sunday 04th March 11am Mass

The Collection for World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place next weekend 03rd/04th March

Thomastown Lenten Pilgrimages, thinking of Family. You are invited to visit the Churches during Lent - **Chapel Hill next 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.

In the Footsteps of Ossory Saints - Fiacre – Kieran – Canice – Fergal; On 3rd March 2018 Bishop Elect Mgr Dermot Farrell will make a pilgrimage to some of the ancient sites of our diocese: Seir Kieran - the seat of St Kieran of Saighir; Aghaboe - the ancient monastery of St Canice and St Fergal; and St Fiacre's Church in Kilkenny which honours the member of St Fiacre. The new bishop's episcopal ring, mitre, crozier and pectoral cross will be blessed at the four pilgrim stations. You are invited to join Mgr Farrell on this pilgrimage beginning in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy on the 3rd March at 9.30am. The pilgrimage will make it's way to Sier Kieran arriving at 11.30 (approx). The third Station will be in Aghaboe, arriving at 1.30pm (approx). The final station will be St Mary's Cathedral, arriving at approx 4pm. Please book your place on the Bus departing from St Fiacre's. Phone Gemma Mulligan, 087 757 1250. Booking is essential for the bus. Alternatively join the pilgrimage at one or more of the stations near to you.

Prayer Service to mark Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 02nd March in St. Canice's Cathedral at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support are recruiting Volunteers. Further information from 056 7756538. Closing date: March 1st, 2018.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association are holding a St. Patrick's Dinner celebration on March 17th at 2pm in the Community Hall. Music by Chalkie & Eddie. Please give names to any Committee Member or call to the Hall on Thursday or Friday from 9.30am/2.30pm.

Ireland Newfoundland Festival: A public meeting to continue preparations for the 13th Annual Ireland Newfoundland Festival to be hosted in South Kilkenny from 20th to 23rd August will be held in the Community Centre, Mooncoin at 8pm on Tuesday, 27th February. All welcome to attend. The working group preparing for the visit would welcome offers of accommodation for the visitors from Newfoundland for three nights from 20th to 22nd August.

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. *"The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church. The tensions created by an overly individualistic culture, caught up with possessions and pleasures, leads to intolerance and hostility in families. Here I would also include today's fast pace of life, stress and the organization of society and labour, since all these are cultural factors which militate against permanent decisions. Freedom of choice makes it possible to plan our lives and to make the most of ourselves. Yet if this freedom lacks noble goals or personal discipline, it degenerates into an inability to give oneself generously to others"*.