

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

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

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	03 <sup>rd</sup> February 17 <sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> January 10 <sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Trevor Minogue** & his father **Jerry** (Months Mind Mass 7pm Sat); **Thomas Grace**, 43, Newtown Terrace (9.30am Mass Sun); **Mary Stapleton & Deceased Members of Stapleton Family**, Maudlin Street (11am Mass Sun); **Margaret Doolan**, Newtown Terrace; **Denis Cassin**, Coolroebeg; **Katie Holohan (nee Roc)**, Noreview Terrace. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Joe Minogue**, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Thomas & Margaret Tyrrell** (11am Mass)

**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.

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Ruadhan Michael Croke O'Neill, Dunan; Rory Brendan Hearne, Vancouver; Cian Andrew Murphy, Powerswood baptised into the family of God recently.

**Ministers of the Eucharist month Feb. :** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

<b>07.00pm</b>	Sr. Bernadette	Anne Treacy	Michael Piert
<b>11.00am</b>	Marian Fennelly	Tom Walsh	Majella Morrissey

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

<b>07.00pm.</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Aleena Benny	Sr. Anna	Christie Keating
Margaret Freyne	Bernadette Bradshaw	Rita Doyle

**Calendar 2018:** A small number of the calendars are still available from the Parish Office for anyone who may still wish to purchase.

**Camogie News :** Thomastown V Slaughtneil this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2pm in Inniskeen Grattans GAA Pitch, Co. Monaghan in the All Ireland Club Semi-final. Best of luck to Thomastown.

**Catholic Schools Week:** This week is designated Catholic Schools Week, with its theme 'Called to be a family of families', appropriately as we mark the World Meeting of Families this year.

**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 people stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

**Community Centre:** Kilquan Players are coming to the Concert Hall on Friday & Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February with a comedy called "The Maiden Aunt". Tickets are €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170.

**Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018:** Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel to Lourdes, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. inc. 2018. Book with Eleanor @ 051 880414 (weekdays except Wednesday 9.30am-1.30pm) or [glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie). The fare is €785 pps

**Thomastown Library Book Club** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 2.15 pm. Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February to discuss "The Doctor's Wife is Dead".

**Computer Classes:** From mid-February Thomastown Library will be aiming to *Get Citizens Online*, with a **Free Beginner's Computer (Tablet) Course**. There will be 5 Classes, starting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Tablets will be provided. Call in to book a place or ring us on 056 7794331.

Mgr. Farrell will be ordained **Bishop of Ossory** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his new ministry.

**The Irish Cancer Society** operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers bring the patient from home to hospital and back home. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 522.

All Church personnel have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe land caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. The New Revised Safeguarding Children Policy & standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016 is now available at [www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

**If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children contact:**

**Tusla** – Child and Family Agency: Kilkenny area: tel 059 9136570

**Garda National Protective Services Bureau** 01 666 3430 / 01 666 3435

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person** – Ms Geraldine Butler: 087 100 0232

**Towards Healing Helpline:** 1800 313 316 [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Parish Prayer:** *Father in heaven, we pray for our parish, families and friends: we pray especially for all who are suffering in any way. We pray that through our help, they may be guided out of their difficulties and experience the love and peace of Jesus Christ.*

**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 & Mass Bouquets will be available at the Parish Office, and at the Churches of the Parish. At the Churches, please call to the Sacristy.

**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)

**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.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** The Ossory Adult Faith Development group are organising a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In October 2018 (2nd -10th) you will have an opportunity to prayerfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus around many of the locations that framed his life and ministry. Visit Jerusalem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane and many other places as we reflect on the life of Jesus and his earliest followers. Pilgrimage Chaplains: Fr Kieran O'Shea & Fr Dermot Ryan. Return flights and accommodation €1,295 per person sharing (single rooms also available with supplement). More information at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) or from the AFD Office 056-7753624.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518. IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510. Email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**To more mundane but necessary things .....** Envelopes are currently being distributed throughout the Parish for the support of Parish projects, and ordinary running costs, and for the support of the Parish Priest. 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.

**The Irish Catholic Newspaper** is available in O'Keeffes in Market Street each week from Thursdays.