

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

04th February 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 04th FEBRUARY

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/11am
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	Wednesday morning Lectio Divina	10.00am
	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 February 17 th February at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	10 th February 24 th February at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Finbarr Phelan**, Newtown Terrace, died Wednesday, **Joe Minogue**, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Thomas & Margaret Tyrrell** (11am Mass); **Billy & Mary McMahon**, Newtown (9.30am Mass Wed.); **Brohna Woods**, 2, Newtown Terrace; **Statia Grace**, Logan Street; **Paddy & Daisy Murphy**, Logan Street; **Leonard Teesdale**, Belmore, Jerpoint Church; **Ellen Fitzsimons**, 6, Newtown Terrace; **Paula O'Shea**, Cloughabrody Heights; **Richard Gaule**, Colmcille, **Angela Walsh**, Jerpoint Hill; **Margaret Lennon (nee Cullen)**, Clossgregg May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **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, (9.30am Mass Monday).

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.

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

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

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday next in St. Columba's 8/9pm. All welcome. Please bring a friend.

Confirmation 2018 will be held on Saturday 16th June. Parents of those presenting for the Sacrament are asked to come to a meeting at the National School on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm.

The Kilkenny Coeliac Support Group will be meeting in St. Patrick's Parish Centre Loughboy on Tuesday night, February 6th, at 7.30pm. Those affected by this disease are welcome to attend and share their views and experiences.

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

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: Community Shop open Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm. Please support. Meeting next Tuesday 6th February in the Community Hall at 7pm.

Do This in Memory Programme with those preparing for First Communion next Sunday 11am Mass

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.

Parents of School going-children: A Free information evening for parents of school going-children: How to handle exam stress, bullying, peer pressure and other issues facing students of all ages. Springhill Court hotel Monday 12th February 7.30 -9.30 pm. 0868203521

World War 2: Would anyone with information on people from the parish who served in World War 2, please give the details to Bernie Egan at 087 9884535 or [beregans3@gmail.com](mailto:beregan3@gmail.com) so that they can be remembered on a new Memorial to be erected in Kilkenny.

Are you struggling with anxiety or depression? finding life difficult? feeling isolated? in need of support? GROW is here to help you. GROW is a *community*-based mental health organisation which holds weekly meetings. GROW meetings provide help and support to anyone experiencing mental health difficulties or struggling with any aspect of their mental wellbeing. Meetings are confidential and no referral is necessary, simply come along. GROW promotes breaking social isolation and promoting social connectedness and is centred around the idea that *'I alone can do it, but I cannot do it alone'*.

For Kilkenny Carlow Groups:

Tuesday @ 10am, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny
 Tuesday @ 7.45pm, St Catherine's Social Service Centre, Joseph's Road, Carlow
 Wednesday @ 8pm, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny
 Friday @ 10.30am Ceart/Grow Group, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny

Safeguarding Pope Francis says that 'Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect children'. Please check the Diocesan website – www.ossory.ie or www.safeguarding.ie, the website of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Television viewing this coming week Why not watch Magical Sites, a visit to the round tower at Glendalough. This airs at 10.55pm on Wednesday on RTE2. Record it for viewing at a more convenient time, maybe.

Parish Prayer: *Loving Father, bless everyone in our parish who is feeling hopeless or despairing. We pray that the Spirit of God will bring light into their darkness and hope into their hearts.*

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

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 20th February and Tablets will be provided. Call in to book a place or ring us on 056 7794331.

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

Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Crusade for Life. Why not offer up your prayer and fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Perhaps you may like to say the rosary each day, do some form of fasting or have Mass offered for the protection of Life. Starting February 14th finishes April 1st.

For flyers on the crusade, please contact: Human Life International (Ireland) on 094-9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

Mgr. Farrell will be ordained **Bishop of Ossory** on Sunday 11th 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 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 and 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

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

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/20th; February - 23rd/24th; March 23rd/24th; April 27th/28th; May 25th/26th; June 22nd/23rd; 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

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 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. MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518. IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510. Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com. Website: 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.