

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th March 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 11th March

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

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	17 th March, 31 st March at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	10 th March, 24 th March at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Denis O'Brien**, Mong & Stackley Graiguenamanagh (5.45pm Mass Sat); **Finbar Phelan**, 10 Newtown Tce. (Months Mind 7pm Mass Sat); **Edward Nevin**, 24 Dangan Tce. (7pm Mass Sat); **Roly Collier & Alice Collier**, Friars Hill (7pm Mass); **Anne MacFadden**, Sinapore & Dangan (Months Mind 11am Mass Sun); **John O'Rourke**, Newtown; **Christy Kirby**, Dangan Tce.; **Mary Roche**, Logan St.; **Alice Fitzpatrick**, London; **John Furlong**, Coppengagh; **Frances Clark**, Dublin. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Gobnait Murphy** (5.45pm Mass Sat); **Mary Cody**, Bawnskeha. (5.45pm Mass Sat). **Colum Dack**, 26 Castle Ave, (7pm Mass Sat); **Tony (Anthony) Kehoe**, Jerpoint West. (7pm Mass Sat); May they rest in peace.

Thomastown Lenten Pilgrimages, thinking of Family. You are invited to visit the Churches during Lent - **Mong on Tuesday 13th March 7.30pm**; the Parish Church on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm. Weather upset our planned visit to Chapel Hill. We will catch up later.

Live coverage of the Ordination of Mgr Dermot Farrell on CRKC 88.7FM: Community Radio Kilkenny City 88.7FM will have full, live coverage of Monsignor Dermot Farrell's ordination this Sunday, beginning at 3pm. The Ceremony will also be broadcast live on the Diocesan website and the St. Mary's Cathedral website. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, will be Chief Ordaining Prelate, assisted by His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, and Bishop Michael Smith, Bishop of Meath.

Thomastown Community Choir Members Rose Kelly, Molly Cahalane & Tom Walsh will represent our Parish in the Ossory Choir, at St. Mary's Cathedral for the consecration/Inauguration of Bishop Dermot Farrell on Sunday March 11th.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting Monday 7.30pm.

A Collection for Emigrants will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning at the request of The Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants.

Church Gate Collection next weekend for the young people from our Parish going as helpers to Lourdes with the Ossory Pilgrimage 22nd - 27th May 2018. Your support would be appreciated.

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

You shall be my Witnesses, our Confirmation Programme led by parents of the young people, will begin this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm at the National School. Enrolment for the programme is held this weekend at the 7pm Mass.

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.

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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture The Redmonds and Waterford - A Political Dynasty 1891 - 1952. Speaker is Dr. Pat McCarthy, Thursday, 15th March 2018 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall. Adm: €5 (members and students free). All welcome

Did You Ever think of being a Priest? Not sure who You can talk to, or what to do next? Need more information & space to think things over?

Come along to St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24th March (11 am - 7pm) for a time of quiet reflection and prayer. It will be an opportunity to learn more about diocesan priesthood and how to discover the path God is inviting you to follow in your life. For more Information and to book a place contact: Fr Kieran O' Shea, Vocations Director 086 8272828 vocations@ossory.ie

Eigse Players will present **"Who's the Daddy"** a 3-act comedy, written by Valerie Sweeney, on Friday 16th March at 8pm. Admission €10. Tickets on sale at the door on the night. A great night's entertainment is guaranteed. Complimentary tea and coffee on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170

Community Centre: Works are soon to start to reinstate the balcony in the 1910 Concert Hall the former Tower Cinema. A total of forty cinema type seats will be needed at a cost of €250 each. It is a unique opportunity for families, businesses and individuals to sponsor a seat. Your sponsorship will help us to complete phase 3 which will enable us to continue to develop the facility for the good of everyone. To sponsor a seat contact 087 7728170 or email seamusquigley@gmail.com

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.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love, is the letter written by Pope Francis on Love in the Family. He says 'The Bible presents the family as the place where children are brought up in the faith. One of the psalms celebrates the proclamation of faith within families: 'All that we have heard and known, that our parents have told us, we will not hide from their children, but tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and the wonders which he has wrought'. The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. They learn this 'trade', passing it down from one person to another' (Section 16).

How does that sit with you?