

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday	Mass in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel	09.30am
	Mass and blessing of Palm in Parish Church	11.00am
Monday	Mass in Parish Church	09.30am
	Adoration in Parish Church	10.00am
	Adoration in Parish Church	07/08pm
Tuesday	Mass with Sacrament of the Sick in St. Columba's Hospital	11.00am
Spy Wednesday	Mass in Parish Church	09.30am
	Lectio Divina in Parish Church	10.00am
	Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral	07.00pm
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration	07.30pm
Good Friday	Day of Fast & Abstinence	
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Parish Church	03.00pm
	Stations of the Cross in the Church grounds	07.00pm
	Confessions in Parish Church	07.45pm
Holy Saturday	Polish Easter Blessing	11.00am
	Confessions in Parish Church	11.30am
	Easter Vigil in Parish Church	08.00pm
Easter Sunday	Mass in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel	09.30am
	Mass in Parish Church	11.00am
	Mass in Mong	11.30am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	07 th April, 21 st April at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	24 th March, 14 th April at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Kit Behan and Bobby Lee who died recently; Norah Sheehy & Bridie Aylward (5.30pm Mass); Neddie Hogan, 3, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Billy Woods, 43, Cloughabrody Heights (7pm Mass); Jack Cahill, Smithstown and his daughter Ann Grey (7pm Mass); Edward Wallace, Jerpoint Abbey & St. Patrick's (7pm Mass); Cha Whelan (Snr) Jerpoint Church (11am Mass); Pdraig Kirwan, Jerpoint Church (Months Mind Mass 11am). Mary Byrne, Carrickmourne (9.30am Mass Mon). Martin & Bridget Murray; Josie Conway, Jerpoint Church; Ellen & Martin Doyle, Columcille; Larry & Mark Butler, Castle Avenue; Jimmy Walsh, Cappagh, Thomastown; William Grace, Grennan; Mary O'Leary, Pleberstown & London; Thomas Townsend, Jerpoint; Edmond Forristal, Peter O'Hanrahan, Kiljames; Martin & Nellie O' Hara, Ballylynch & Cloughabrody Heights. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Jim Blanchfield, Jerpoint

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 26th to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life, with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

Do This In Memory Programme 11am Mass this Sunday.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its church door collection this weekend 24th/25th March. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

Chrism Mass: The Bishop blesses the oils used in the celebration of Sacraments for the year ahead. All those who are involved in the life of our parishes (Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, those who serve on finance committees, choirs and all others) are invited to attend. This celebration will take place on Wednesday 28th March at 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral -

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw: This is year 4 of the Draw, raising funds to restore the Cathedral. Please support this good cause. The first of the current Draws will be held 28th March, and cost €10 each month. Thanks to all who have supported the Draw in other years. Join the Draw at Reddys Gift Shop, Murphy Victualler at Market Street, the Parish Office, or Fr. Dan.

A Collection for the Holy Places will take place on **Good Friday**.

Trocaire needs your help. Don't forget to fill your Trocaire box, and return it soon.

Cake Sale. The annual Lourdes cake sale takes place after the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday 11.00am Mass in aid of for the young people from Grennan College in our Parish going as helpers to Lourdes with the Ossory Pilgrimage 22nd - 27th May 2018.

Women's ACTS Retreat – Adoration, Community, Theology, Service. ACTS Retreat for Women will take place in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois from Thursday, 19th – Sunday, 22nd April 2018. Take time out for yourself on a weekend of peace, prayer, tranquillity and camaraderie, among a group of likeminded women. To book your place or for further information please contact: Mairin McGrath 087 6211395 or Cathy Cunniffe: 087 9854506

“Family Carers Ireland are currently recruiting for Home Care Workers in the Carlow/Kilkenny area. The ideal candidate will have at least one-year experience providing care in a professional setting, up to date Patient, Moving & Handling cert & hold at least two QQI Healthcare modules (Care Skills & Care of the Older Person) & working towards achieving the full award. Interested candidates are invited to contact us at kilkenny2@familycarers.ie with an up to date CV.”

World Meeting of Families: Parishioners who would like to attend all or part of the event can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Places for the Congress are limited tickets will be scarce for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which will be led by Pope Francis. Teachings, one each month, in preparation for the World meeting can be got on www.worldmeeting2018.

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.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love, Having reflected on the relationship between human families and the Trinity, the Pope says: The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God's creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of 'God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells. (Section 29)