

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st April 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 1st April

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Memorial Mass for Mary Doyle	11.00am
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday, Thursday Mass	10.00am
Mong	Easter Sunday Mass	11.30am
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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	14 th April, 28 th April at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Mary Doyle**, Carrickmourne, who died recently, **Hannah Lillie Roche**, Jerpoint (9.30 Mass Sun); **Jim Blanchfield**, Jerpoint (11am Mass Sun). **Denis Treacy**, Powerswood; **Denis Brennan**, Powerswood; **Daniel & Elizabeth Challoner**, Newtown Terrace; **Bridie Roche**, Grennan; **Terry Anderson**, Newtown; **Mary & Pat Hanrahan**, Powerswood; **Chrissie Lennon**, Gowran; **Bridie O'Keeffe & Johanna Walsh** Smithstown, **Neddy, Eileen and John Dempsey**, Chapel Hill. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Edward Walsh**, 4 Castle Ave, (11am Mass Sun).

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Tadhg Michael Fennelly, Chapel Lane, Charlie Ota Danis, Berkley Lawns, Marcel Kuklinska, Maudlin Court baptised into the family of God recently.

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

07.00pm	Sheila McDonald	Sr. Anna	Helen Comerford
11.00am	Sharon Bambrick	Mary Butler	Seamus Quigley

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Jincy Babu	Pat Cronin	Vonnie Walsh
Nellie Doherty	Emma O'Keeffe	Noirin Fitzgerald

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.

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.

Easter Offerings are for the financial support of the priests of each parish. Please return your envelope soon. If you haven't received an envelope, please return in an ordinary envelope with name, address, etc. Contact the Office for envelopes. 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.

Thomastown Parish Golf Classic: Friday 20th and Sat 21st April. €200 for 4 ball. All funds raised will go towards the restoration fund for the CYMS. Enquiries to Fionnula 087 7799848

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

"Fear is the deafening sound of war. Love is the hand that quietens it
Fear is the voice that's never heard. Love is breaking the silence.
Fear is the truth that's locked in the dark. Love is the courage that frees it.
Fear is the hunger that starves all hope. Love is the food that feeds it.
As long as pain exists, as long as suffering is here, we will stay.
Trocaire. Until love conquers fear".

Children with Special Education Needs in the Diocese: the annual Church Door collection takes place next weekend.

Ossory Times will be available next weekend.

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

World Meeting of Families: to attend all or part of the events, register now for the 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, in preparation for the World meeting can be got on www.worldmeeting2018.

Social Basketball: Grennan College every Wednesday 8pm. All welcome

Kilkenny Carer's Support Group; Tuesday 3rd April, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Everyone welcome. Drop in or for more information call 056-7771230.

Community Centre: A total of forty cinema type seats will be needed at a cost of €250 each. Your sponsorship will help to complete phase 3 and continue to develop the facility for the good of everyone. To sponsor a seat contact 087 7728170 or email seamusquigley@gmail.com

Family Carers Ireland Mini-Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May from the Aspect Hotel Waterford Rd. Kilkenny at 11.00am. Register online at www.runireland.com, or at our Centre at The Springhill Medical Centre Waterford Rd Kilkenny Monday to Friday up to 5.00pm. To raise sponsorship please contact the Centre and we will send you out sponsorship cards. Registration Fee is €15. You can also register on the day before 11.00am and registration is €20.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis says that 'the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church. Countless studies have been made of marriage and the family, their current problems and challenges. Through these the Church can be guided to a more profound understanding of the inexhaustible mystery of marriage and the family'. (Section 31)