

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th May 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th May

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	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 5th May at 5.45pm, 19th May at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 12th May at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: Brigid Bookle, Bawnskeha (5.45pm Sat); **Dick & Lena Murphy**, Jerpoint West (7pm Mass); **Delia Roche**, Grennan (09.30am Mass); **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (11am Mass); **Andy & Ned Forristal**, Colmcille; **Kitty Forristal**, Canada; **Packie & Molly Lannon**, Newtown; **James & Bridget Brennan**, Powerswood; **Peter & Catherine Kennedy and their son Paddy**. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Pat Whitty, Mong (5.45pm Mass); **Daniel (Danny) McPherson**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **Joe Murray**, 41, Castle Avenue (9.30am Mass); **Marie Woods**, 43, Cloughabrody Heights, (11am Mass); **Tom & Breda Skehan**, Newtown (11am Mass)

Ministers of the Eucharist May. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

07.00pm	Mary Butler	Joe Murphy	Teresa Cassin
11.00am	Tom Brett	Carmel Coone	Majella Morrissey

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Ann Casey	Joe Dunphy	Mary Doyle
Siobhan Collier	Margaret Freyne	Chrissie Keating

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

First Communion 2018, with the girls and boys of Second Class, takes place next Saturday at 11am at the Parish Church. Keep the children, and their families in your prayers, please.

Sure or Unsure: An Exploration of the Upcoming Referendum: On Tuesday night next, 8th May, at 7.30pm in the Chapter Rooms at St Mary's Cathedral Bishop Dermot Farrell will chair an information evening on the Catholic understanding of the current debate. The evening will be led by Fr. Michael Shortall, moral theologian, and Dr Kirsten McCarthy, medical doctor. Please join us as part of your journey in informing yourself before the vote on May 25th.

Pro Life Rally on Saturday 12th May in Merrion Square, Dublin at 2pm. Bus from Loughboy, Kilkenny at 12 noon. Contact Ron at 0866696632.

Prayer Initiative for protection of the 8th Amendment. In May there will be penitential Fast Fridays of bread and water May 11th & 18th, following the example of Queen Esther in the Bible, when the Jewish people were going to be destroyed, killed and annihilated by King Ahasuerus. Queen Esther asked the people to fast for 3 days and the Jews were saved.

Public Rosary: Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will take place on the 11th May at 3pm in the Square Inistioge, a time of prayer for the unborn. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Religious Congregation writes that in a world where we experience tension and violence, abortion is the 'greatest destroyer of peace today. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.

Exams These days many second and third level students have exams. To include them in parish prayer put the names in the book in the Parish Church.

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.

Thomastown Library: Crochet classes will take place on Tues 8th, Tues 15th, Tues 22nd and 29th May 10.30 – 12pm. All materials provided. Booking is essential for the above events, just call in to Thomastown Library or give us a ring on 056 7794331

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services. For more information contact MABS on: www.mabs.ie or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761 072610.

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

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis says 'The covenant of love and fidelity lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the challenges of life and history. On this basis, every family, despite its weaknesses, can become a light in the darkness of the world. Nazareth teaches us the meaning of family life, its loving communion, its simple and austere beauty, its sacred and inviolable character. May it teach how sweet and irreplaceable is its training, how fundamental and incomparable its role in the social order'. (Section 66) Read section 65 also. Don't forget the lovely icon of the Holy Family. If you haven't got it, take one home from Church and put it up in your home.