

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> June

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Wednesday morning Lectio Divina	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly	10.00am
	Thursday Cemetery Mass	10.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> June at 5.45pm & 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 5.45pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	09 <sup>th</sup> June at 5.45pm & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June at 5.45pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **John Maher**, Durrow died recently; **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe Street (11am Mass); **Ellen O'Rourke**, Newtown; **Dorakeen Comerford**, Jerpoint Hill; **Richard, Anastasia, Helen, Ann, Richard & Barry Fennelly**, Jerpoint; **Maureen & Donal Cullinane**, Clonakilty Co. Cork; **Stasia Collins**, Norelands, **Mary Cassin**, Coolroebeag. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Esther & Jack Woods; Shivaun Kavanagh**, Berkley Lawn (7pm Mass); **Nicholas White**, Knocknaboola (7pm Mass).

**Thomastown Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

**Cemetery Masses:** Cemetery Mass at Colmcille on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.  
Mass at St. Columba's Hospital Cemetery on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's New Cemetery on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 8pm.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred in Thomastown at the 11am Mass next Saturday. **The Ceremony of Light**, when parents/guardians symbolically hand on the Light of Faith to the young people will be held on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Church.

**Prayer for the young people presenting for the Sacrament of Confirmation:** *All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blood Donation Clinic:** St. Mary's National School Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm/8.30pm.

**The June Collection** for the support of the priests is due now. If you haven't got envelopes, contact the Office, or put your contribution in an ordinary envelope with your name and address.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** Icon of the Holy Family for WMOF: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral from 6pm to 9pm on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> led by Fr. Kieran O'Shea for Vocations to Priesthood in the Diocese as part of the visit of the Icon. There will be no Adoration in Thomastown on that evening. All welcome to the Cathedral even for a short while.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage** to Knock takes place on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.30am. Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat. Poster at the back of the Church.

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

**Irish Wheelchair Association** will be holding their Church Gate Collection next weekend. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

**Invitation! "Walking Together as Families Today": Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families.** St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, 19-20 June 2018. Speakers, workshops, conversations, prayer, and much more, on a variety of topics relating to family life. Registration: €15 (incl. lunch & teas/coffees). Tickets available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) (under "Walking Together as Families Today"). Further info: contact Aoife at [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie) *Be part of it!*

**World Meeting of Families:** to attend all or part of the events, register now for the Pastoral Congress on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August is a day designated for Leinster, and Inistioge and Thomastown will share a bus for those wishing to travel that day. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place on the bus. 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](http://www.worldmeeting2018).

**Lough Derg:** Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg. Pilgrimage Season opened on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May. One Day Retreats or Three-Day Pilgrimages are available. For information contact 071 9861518 or [www.loughderg.or](http://www.loughderg.or)

**40 Days of Reparation for Life & Faith** commenced May 30<sup>th</sup> and will finish in Knock on July 08<sup>th</sup>. For further information and details see the Poster at the back of the Church.

**Thomastown Men's Shed Barbeque** at Thomastown Community Centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 12noon to 3pm. All welcome.

**Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love.** Pope Francis writes: Seeing things with the eyes of Christ inspires the Church's pastoral care for the faithful who are living together, or are married civilly, or are divorced and remarried. Following this, the Church turns with love to those who participate in her life in an imperfect manner: she seeks the grace of conversion for them; she encourages them to do good, to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work ... When a couple in an irregular union attains a noteworthy stability through a public bond – and is characterised by deep affection, responsibility towards the children and the ability to overcome trials – this can be seen as an opportunity, where possible, to lead them to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony. While clearly stating the church's teaching, pastors are to avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations, and they are to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience and endure distress because of their condition.' (Sections 78 and 279)