

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 01st July

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	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	30 th June at 5.45pm & 07 th July at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	14 th July at 5.45pm & 28 th July at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Brendan Griffin, Colmcille (7pm Mass); **Patrick Kelly**, 42, Newtown Terrace; **Mary Doyle**, Friars Hill; **Catherine & Liam Rice**, Evelyn Bookle, Grennan; **Mary Ryan**, Maudlin Street. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend:

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

07.00pm	Sr. Anna	Sheila McDonald	Helen Comerford
11.00am	Tom Walsh	Alice Challoner	Marion Fennelly

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Danny McPherson	Sr. Anna	Janet Sahaffi
Pat Doherty	Bernadette Bradshaw	Michael O'Brien

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.

Time to empty out your attics and sheds. We hold a **Car Boot Sale** on 22nd July beginning at 12 noon at Thomastown GAA grounds. Admission for sellers: car, €20, small van/car with trailer €25. Free admission for buyers.

Cushinstown Pilgrimage to Knock, overnight 16th/17th July. Stopping in Thomastown/Inistioge en route. Contact Angela Power 051 428505.

World Meeting of Families: to attend all or some of the events, register online from Monday 25th June for the Pastoral Congress on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Wednesday 22nd 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, and tickets will be scarce for the Festival of Families, namely the gathering at Croke Park on Saturday night and the Final Mass which will be led by Pope Francis. Each parish will get ten tickets for distribution to the Festival of Families, some of which will go to a family unit. If your family plans to travel to the Festival of Families in Croke Park and would like one of those tickets, contact Fr. Dan.

Thank you to all who supported the Church door collection for the World Meeting of Families last weekend. You contributed €465.

Very best wishes to the students and staffs of St. Mary's National School and of Grennan College for the summer holidays. By now exams are over, and National schools have taken the break too.

Welcome, too, to visitors to Thomastown these days. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Cemetery Mass: Mass at St. Mary's New Cemetery on Friday 3rd August at 8pm.

The gates of the Belfry Cemetery are locked, and people who wish to visit the Cemetery will get the key at the Parish Office.

Just a thought..... the Cemetery most in use currently was opened around 1927, and continues to be called the 'New' Cemetery. What about knowing the Cemetery in the centre of town as St. Mary's Old Cemetery, the Cemetery at the Parish Church as the Belfry Cemetery, and the Cemetery on the Dublin Road as St. Mary's Cemetery, dropping the adjective 'new'? If you have a problem with that, let a member of the Finance Committee know, or leave word at the Office.

Anniversary Masses: as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months mind remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass. It has become very difficult to accommodate the number of Masses requested on particular weekends. If that doesn't suit, perhaps the Mass can be offered at our weekday Masses.

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

Irish Wheelchair Association: The recent Church Gate Collection raised a total of €485. Thanks to all who supported it.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis says: 'We cannot encourage a path of fidelity and mutual self-giving without encouraging the growth, strengthening and deepening of conjugal and family love. The word love is commonly used and often misused'. Pope Francis then reflects on love, based on 1Corinthians 13:4-7. **Love is not boastful or arrogant.** Those who love not only refrain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focussed on others; they do not need to be the centre of attention. The inner logic of Christian love is not about importance and power; rather, 'whoever would be first among you must be your slave' (Matthew 20:27). **Love is not rude.** To love is to be gentle and thoughtful. As an essential requirement of love, every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him or her. To be open to a genuine encounter with others, 'a kind look' is essential. A kind look helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to cooperate with others, despite our differences. In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another. (Sections 97, 98, 99, 100)