

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd June 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 3rd June

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

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 02nd June at 5.45pm & 16th June at 5.45pm.

Mass in Mong 09th June at 5.45pm & 23rd June at 5.45pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Doris Townsend**, New York; **Mary Dunne**, Jerpont Church (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Paul Forristal**, 50, Maudlin Court (11am Mass); **Jim & Mary Cassin**, Coolroemore; **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount; **O'Leary Family**, Pleberstown; **Patrick Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Tommy Delaney, Pipe Street (11am Mass)

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

07.00pm	Catherine Walsh	Anne Treacy	Fiona Fitzpatrick
11.00am	Seamus Quigley	Breda Bergin	Anne Donnelly

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Michael Piert	Anna Minogue	Rita Doyle
Bency Babu	Mairead O'Keefe	Valerie Cotter

Do This in Memory Programme takes place this Sunday at 11am Mass. A big 'thank you' to the children and their families who participated in these Masses. Thanks too to the parents who planned and organised them.

Eucharistic Adoration St. Columba's Hospital Chapel on Tuesday night 8/9pm. All welcome.

Thomastown Parish Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Cemetery Masses: Cemetery Mass at Colmcille on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm.

Mass at St. Columba's Hospital Cemetery on Thursday 14th June at 10am. Please note that the date for this Mass has been changed to 14th. Previously we had scheduled it for next Tuesday.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in Thomastown at the 11 am Mass on Saturday 16th June.

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

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. All best wishes to the young people sitting Leaving and Junior Cert exams this week. May your work bear fruit, with satisfying results.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Icon of the Holy Family for WMOF: St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral from 6pm to 9pm on Monday June 11th 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 23rd. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.30am. Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat. Poster at the back of the Church.

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.

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 5th June 2018, 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. For more information call 056-7771230.

The Kilkenny Branch of the Irish Kidney Association are holding a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Organ Donors in our community on Sunday 10th June in the Black Abbey.

St Kieran's College Reunion: Last year over 300 past pupils attended our reunion so join us again this year. On Friday 29th June go to the gala banquet to meet up with many familiar faces from your days on the Glass Hall and on Saturday 30th June take part in our Golf Challenge at Kilkenny Golf Club. Bookings available at www.stkieranscollege.ie or 056 7721086. All years most welcome.

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 (under "Walking Together as Families Today"). Further info: contact Aoife at specialevents@spcm.ie *Be part of it!*

Mass at St Colmcille's Well: Bishop Dermot Farrell, Bishop of Ossory, will celebrate Mass at the Well of St Colmcille in Inistioge on Friday 8th June, the eve of the Feast of St Colmcille, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Post Referendum, a small piece from The Irish Catholic is worth quoting: 'Being pro-life means standing up for the unborn, but it also means calling attention to the dreadful way this State treats asylum seekers, to the seeming indifference of authorities to homelessness, to the crisis that has become almost accepted in our health system, to the chronic underfunding of schools and the isolation felt by so many people in rural Ireland'.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis writes: 'Marriage is a vocation, a response to a specific call to experience conjugal love as an imperfect sign of the love between Christ and the Church. Consequently, the decision to marry and to have a family ought to be the fruit of a process of vocational discernment. In our tradition, the ministers of the sacrament of marriage are the man and the woman who marry. By manifesting their consent and expressing it physically, they receive a great gift, whereby they become 'one flesh'. Seeing things with the eyes of Christ inspires the Church's pastoral care for the faithful who are living together, or are only married civilly, or are divorced and remarried. (Sections 75 and 76.)