

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th June 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 24th June

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Tuesday School Mass	11.30am
	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 30th June at 5.45pm & 07th July at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 23rd June at 5.45pm & 14th July at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Ned Dack**, 26, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Patrick (Paddy) Ryan**, Legan (7pm Mass); **Jim Doherty** (9.30am Mass); **Jacob Lannon-Coone** (11am Mass); **Nicholas Evans**, Bawnskeha; **John Dooley, Joseph & Robert Challoner; Michael Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown; **Patrick Doolan**, 6, Castle Avenue. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Brendan Griffin**, Colmcille (7pm Mass)

World Meeting of Families Collection this weekend.

Cead Mile Failte: to Isaac Peter Reddy, Bohilla, Inistioge baptised into the family of God recently.

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

Cake Sale after 11am Mass to-day. Funds for St. Columba's Hospital. Your support will be appreciated.

Congratulations to the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. Thank you to parents, sponsors, teachers, the You shall be my witnesses team of parents who worked with the young people over 4 weeks around Easter as part of the Parish preparation for the Sacrament. As they complete their time in National School we wish them well in the next stage of their journey of life.

Confirmation 2019 will be held on Friday 12th April at 11am, the Diocesan Office informs us.

A **Car Boot Sale** will be held at Grennan on Sunday 22nd July. See if you have something to sell, and be sure that you will find something to buy there.

World Meeting of Families: to attend all or some of the events, register online from Monday 25th June from 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. If you have tickets for Wednesday, your name will be in the system and you will get a ticket for the Festival of Families. For people who have already booked tickets for Croke Park via the Pastoral Congress booking system, there is no need to register online on Monday because they are already in the system and will automatically receive their ticket for the Phoenix Park. 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.

Thomastown Safeguarding Our Safeguarding representatives are Brigid Cassin Begley and Ray O'Carroll. Their task is to see that policies and procedures are adhered to in all Churches and Church activities. To contact them, you might like to leave a message for them at the Parish Office.

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.

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.

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.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw: The June Draw, the fourth of the current round of Draws, will take place this coming Wednesday at the Chapter House. It is not too late to join. Call to Reddy's, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

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 at the service of others.** The word used by St. Paul has to do with the people who show their goodness by their deeds. The word used is 'kind'. St. Ignatius said that love is shown more by deeds than by words. Again, **Love is not jealous.** It has no room for discomfiture at another person's good fortune. This love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. (Sections 93-96)