

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th July 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 29th July

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday Mass	09.30am
	Friday Cemetery Mass	08.00pm
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Anointing of the Sick/Elderly	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 04th August at 5.45pm & 18th August at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 28th July at 5.45pm & 11th August at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Annie Lennon**, Legan (5.45pm Mass); **Catherine Johnston & Johnston Family**, Ladywell (7pm Mass); **Edward Johnston**, Ladywell killed in Somme 1916; **Catherine Walsh**, Newtown (11am Mass); **Michael O'Keefe**, Smithstown; **Margaret Doyle**, Newtown Terrace; **Anna Power**, Smithstown; **Eileen Kirwan Byrnes**, Hounslow, Middlesex, England; **Anne O'Hanrahan**, The Quay & Kiljames. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Mary O'Reilly**, Ladywell Street (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Peggy Dack**, 26, Castle Avenue (7pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (11am Mass); **Philip Heafey**, Prosperous, Co. Kildare (11am Mass)

The Cemetery Mass takes place this Friday, 3rd August at 8pm. There is great industry there tidying graves in preparation for the Mass. Thank you. If a grave near you has no one to tend it, you might give a few minutes to tidy it up. Seating is scarce in the Cemetery, so why not bring something for seating on the night. Do heed the new sign, which reads 'Please help to keep this cemetery tidy by taking away all withered and surplus wreaths, flowers and plant pots. No dumping at all in the cemetery'. All our cemeteries are sacred spaces, so let's make sure we keep them appropriately.

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

07.00pm	Anne Lee	Kathleen Gaffney	Sr. Bernadette
11.00am	KC Babu	Sharon Bambrick	Breda Bergin

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Nellie Doherty	Bernie Egan	Noirin Fitzgerald
Alicia Dunphy	Pat Cronin	Mary Doyle

Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee holds a Church gate collection next weekend.

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 people stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Benjamin Jake Lannon Coone, Mallfield; Seamus Cathal Marchant, Dunan; Sarah Mary Kirby, Legan baptised into the family of God recently.

World Meeting of Families: get details on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. On Wednesday 22nd August 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.

Croke Park - Festival of Families - Saturday August 25th Each Parish in Ireland is asked to nominate a family to attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park with Pope Francis at 7.30 pm on Saturday August 25th. Every Parish in the country will be allocated 10 tickets for this event.

Opening of World Meeting of Families 2018: To mark the Opening of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Evening Prayer will take place in the Cathedrals of the twenty-six Irish Dioceses on the evening of Tuesday August 21st. Please come along for Evening Prayer in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Tuesday August 21st at **7.30pm** led by Bishop Dermot Farrell as we unite in prayer at the beginning of the World Meeting of Families. People and especially families from every Parish in the Diocese are most welcome. www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Afternoon Garden Party and BBQ in aid of Alzheimer Society- Kilkenny Branch. Venue: Woodcock's in Farmley, Cuffesgrange (R96T934), entrance at Burn Church Castle. **Bank Holiday Sunday 5th August from 2pm-5pm.** Donations of cakes on the morning would be appreciated. BBQ kindly sponsored by Dick Dooley Butchers. For more information contact Robert 0876592977.

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.

A Night at the Races – a fundraiser for the Cathedral Restoration – takes place at Kilkenny Greyhound Track on Friday 10th August at 8pm. No live hares used!! Tickets available at O'Keeffes in Market Street.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. We continue with Pope Francis' reflection on St. Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13. **Love bears all things.** 'This is about more than simply putting up with evil; it has to do with the use of the tongue. The verb can mean 'holding one's peace about what may be wrong with another person. It implies limiting judgement, checking the impulse to issue a firm and ruthless condemnation. Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them. This is not merely a way of acting in front of others; it springs from an interior attitude. Far from ingenuously claiming not to see the problems and weaknesses of others, it sees those weaknesses and faults in a wider context. Love coexists with imperfection. It 'bears all things' and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved one.' (Sections 111,112,113) What do you think of that??