

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

05th August 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 05th August

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Memorial Mass Maureen Kelly & burial of Ashes	11.00am
	Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	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, Thursday Mass	10.00am
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	04 th August at 5.45pm & 18 th August at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	11 th August at 5.45pm & 25 th August at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. Maureen Kelly, Ballydonnell & Coventry; 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); Canon Michael Carroll, Ned O'Reilly, Powerswood; Thomas & Patrick Cassin, Coolroemore; Paddy & Kitty Duggan, Dangan Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Nancy Skeeahan, 18, Newtown Tce (Months Mind Mass 7pm); Annie & Bobbie Power, Grennan View (7pm Mass); Catherine Burke, 6, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); Paul Stapleton, Legan (11am Mass)

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

Eucharistic adoration is on Tuesday night in St Columba's chapel from 8.00pm - 9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to spend a quiet hour with Jesus.

Worldwide 54 Day Rosary starting 15th August and finishing 07th October Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us in this global prayer to Mary.

Thomastown Tidy Towns thank you for your generous support of our Church Gate Collection Fundraiser last weekend. Your donations will help keep Thomastown a beautiful place to live.

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

WMOF2018 Closing Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August Tickets for this event will be issued by email [on 10 August](mailto:) as a 'print at home' ticket if you have booked directly.

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

Kilkenny Citizens Information Centre provides a free and confidential information service to the people of Kilkenny City and County. We are currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested, please contact us for further details. Telephone: Sarah Drea at 0761 07 7910.

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 7th August 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. Everyone welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

Thomastown GAA club has been selected as one of two clubs in county Kilkenny to develop as a Healthy Club in 2018/2019. The Healthy Club project is overseen and supported through the Health and Wellbeing division of Croke Park.

The Healthy Club project seeks to reach out to all members of the community and we will be hosting an information night for all to attend on Friday September 7th @ 7pm in the Concert Hall, Thomastown. For more information please contact Joan McElwee, Thomastown Healthy Club Coordinator 0879371889 or club chairperson Ger Walsh (086)8220317.

Instioge Vintage Rally which takes place on Sunday 5th August. There will be Vintage Cars, Tractors, Motor bikes, Stationary Engines and more. It's always a great day out for all the family (young & old) with Live Music by Alias Smith & Jones, Duck Race, Face Painting, Competitions & Prizes (Football, Hurling, Wellie Throwing, Golf etc) Dog Show, Bouncy Slide, Quality Stalls, Farmers Market and all kinds of Novelty Events and a big Raffle.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis' reflection on 1Corinthians 13 – **Love believes all things.** Belief, the Pope writes, has to do with trust. This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything. This freedom makes for sincerity and transparency, for those who know that they are trusted and appreciated can be open and hide nothing. Those lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses, and pretend to be someone other than who they are. **Love hopes all things.** It does not despair of the future. It does involve realising that, though things may not always turn out as we wish, God may well make crooked lines straight and draw some good from the evil we endure in this world. **Love endures all things.** It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This 'endurance' involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. (Sections 114-119)