

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th August

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday and Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Tuesday Vigil Mass Feast of The Assumption	07.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Mass Feast of The Assumption	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 18th August at 5.45pm & 01st September at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong 11th August at 5.45pm & 25th August at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Nancy Skehan**, 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); **Andrew O'Neill**, Jerpont West (10am Mass Wednesday); **Declan Fennelly**, Oldtown, Stoneyford; **John Byrne**, Ballylinch; **Rita, Michael & Tom Roche**, Baunskeha; **James O'Neill**, Castle Avenue; **Mary Doyle**, Kilfane. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Angela O'Reilly, (Months Mind Mass 7.00pm).

Please honour Mary at her Assumption, and note the times for the Masses, with Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7.30pm and Wednesday Morning Mass at 10am at the Hospital.

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.

Congratulations to Thomastown United AFC, this weekend celebrating its Golden Jubilee. We must admire the courage and spirit of adventure of the founding members, the fine facilities the Club has today, and the contribution to sporting and social life offered to the people of the area.

Thomastown Creative Arts Festival deserves a visit this week too. Visit the various exhibitions taking place in the area these days.

Thank you to all who joined us for the Cemetery Mass on Friday 3rd August. A beautiful evening, it was impressive to see how you had tended your family graves – and thanks too to those who looked after graves of those who had no one to look after them. Thomastown Community Helpers have kindly placed a number of benches in the Cemetery, so thanks very much for that. You contributed €2917 to the Gate collection. In the past few weeks a new lawnmower was bought, and your contributions help to keep the Cemetery in good condition.

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.

Opening of World Meeting of Families 2018: To mark the Opening of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Evening Prayer will take place 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. For all details of this great event, see www.worldmeeting2018.ie

A Family Healing Mass will be held at the Franciscan Friary Church, Kilkenny on Friday 17th August at 7.30pm in preparation for the WMOF 2018. All are welcome.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Heritage Week 2018 Event: Outing to The Three Friars and St. Molings Well on Saturday, August 18th. Meeting point and time: The Three Friars Cross at 2.30pm

St Molings Well annual pattern Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher has a change of date for this year, and will take place on Sunday 2nd September at 2pm.

Memory Technology Resource Rooms are now open every Tuesday on the grounds of St. Columba's Thomastown. The MTRRs are for people with dementia & memory difficulties, their families and carers. The MTRRs showcase a wide range of assistive technology equipment that promote independence, safety & quality of life. It is free to attend and provides individuals with the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology with an occupational therapist. Individuals can access the MTRRs by telephoning Aoife Regan 087 7201503. See also poster at back of the Church.

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. 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

The theme for each **World Meeting of Families** is chosen by the Pope. He chose *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*, as the theme for the ninth World Meeting of Families in Dublin, and invites us to reflect on a theme that was central to the Synodal process that led to his post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*: On Love in the Family.

The preparatory document conveys at least three senses in which this can be understood:

1. The family, founded on the marriage of a man and woman, is part of God's plan from the beginning. The 'Good News' of the family is therefore an indispensable part of the joyful message of the Gospel that the Church proclaims.
2. The family is the principal agent of evangelisation of its own members. As the first school of faith and love, the Christian family is often where we ourselves first come to know Jesus and his love.
3. The family proclaims the Gospel to the World. The Christian family, by its witness to the life and love of Jesus, is a principal agent of evangelisation to the world.
4. As Pope Francis explains in the opening words of *Amoris Laetitia*, "the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed" (AL,1). God's plan for the family, revealed in Sacred Scripture from the beginning, is joy for the world!

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will explore these dimensions of the *Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World* and what it means for families and the Church today.

Wednesday, 15th August, feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, our Parish Office will take the day off to celebrate!!