

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th August 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th August

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	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	18 th August at 5.45pm & 01 st September at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	25 th August at 5.45pm & 08 th September at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Kathleen Hoynes**, Glenmore & **Thomas Molloy**, Kiltorcan, Ballyhale recently deceased. **Angela O'Reilly**, (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Catherine Minogue**, Jerpoint West (7pm Mass); **Frances & Michael O'Shea** (10am Mass Tuesday); **Jim Minogue**, Cloughabrody; **Thomas & Margaret Begley**, Newtown Terrace; **Josie Challoner**, Dangan Terrace; **Hannah Heafey**, Newtown Terrace; **Mary Kenny**, Clogregg; **Bobby Grace**, Logan Street. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Richard Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); **Jonathan Hynes** (7pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass)

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

Worldwide 54 Day Rosary started 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 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. For all details of this great event, see www.worldmeeting2018.ie

World Meeting of Families: Inistioge & Thomastown parishes will share a Bus on Wednesday next 22nd August for those wishing to travel to the RDS but you must have your own ticket.

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.

Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage [September 9th 2018](#), Knock Shrine **2.30pm**. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio - Combined Choirs of Knock Parish - The Tuttle Family - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

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.

The St Molings Well annual pattern mass in Mullinakll, Tullogher has a change of date for this year. The Mass will take place on Sunday 2nd September at 2pm. This is to avoid clashing with the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families being celebrated by Pope Francis in Dublin on Sunday 26th August.

Memory Technology Resource Rooms that are now open every Tuesday on the grounds of St. Columba's Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny and every Thursday on the grounds of Sacred Heart Hospital, Carlow. 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.

National Heritage Week runs from 18th to 26th August. There are lots of exciting events to enjoy! Thomastown Library will host **Hands Screening with Friederike Grace** Wednesday 22nd August 6.30 – 7.30pm. **Weaving Workshop for Children** Friday 24th August 11am – 12.30pm booking essential 056 7794331.

Graiguenamanagh Town of Books Festival takes place from 24th to 26th August.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.