

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 14th October

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

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 20th October at 5.45pm & 03rd November at 5.454pm

Mass in Mong 13th October at 5.45pm & 27th October at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Bishop Laurence Forristal, Angela Fleming nee Doyle, Friars Hill & London. Maura Byrne, Carrickmourne (7pm Mass); John Gibbons, Colmcille (9.30am Mass); Nancy Carroll, Ladywell (Months Mind Mass 11am); Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens (11am Mass); Dixie Doyle (09.30am Mass Friday). May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Lila Valley, 11 Cloughabrody (Months Mind Mass 7pm); John Stapleton, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); Elizabeth Walsh, Kilmurray (7pm Mass); Michael Conlon, Legan (7pm Mass)

The Three Tenors in Concert on Friday 9th November 8pm in Thomastown Parish Church. The Three Tenors are joined by Choirs from Grennan College and St. Mary's National School. Tickets €25, available at the Parish Office, Liam Reddy, Ladywell & O'Keefe's Shop, Market Street.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: 40th Anniversary 1978 – 2018.

40th Anniversary Dinner Sunday 14th October at 1pm in the Community Centre followed by Music & Dancing. The 11am Mass will be in thanksgiving for 40 years and in remembrance of all who were part of the Association over the years.

Congratulations to the Senior Citizens Association at reaching 40, and well done to all who have worked to look after the needs of Senior Citizens in the area. Thank you!!

St. Mary's National School: Parents/Guardian who wish to enrol children in Junior Infants for September, 2019 in St. Mary's National School may do so during **Enrolment Week, Monday, 15th October to Friday, 19th October.** Prospective parents may bring their children to the school to be enrolled any morning that week between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Enrolment forms are available at the school or through the local preschools. The completed forms must be returned with a Birth Certificate. The school will also require a Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) – this will not be necessary if your child was baptised in Thomastown.

Mission Sunday Collection next weekend 20th/21st October.

The Blood Donation Clinic will visit Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh on Thursday 18th October 4.30pm/8pm.

Thomastown Library 056 7794331 News: -

Walk your way to a healthy, happy life: KRSP have organised a series of guided walks for adults around Thomastown. Meet at Thomastown Library on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Suitable for men and women of all ages and physical activity levels.

Children's Storytelling: Storytelling will take place on Saturdays at 11am. Just come along.

Irish Conversation Class: We are hoping to start up an Irish class in the library. If you would like to start to learn Irish or hope to practise the "cupla focal" you remember from school drop in to the library or call 056 7794331.

Scrabble Group: come along to the next meeting of the Thomastown Library Scrabble Group (for adults) on Tuesday 16th October at 2 pm.

Reuse, Remake, Re imagine Workshop for Children with Zoe Wong Wednesday 24th October 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Local designer Zoe Wong will teach the children how to make soft toys from old socks. The workshop will teach fabric cutting and hand-sewing skills. The final product will be a cute cuddly toy cat that is filled with fabric cuttings (a recyclable by-product of the fashion industry). The workshop will be suitable for ages 6 to 12. Booking essential on 056 7794331.

The Future of Catholic Education. One day conference. October the 20th 2018 in Clonmel Park Hotel at 10am. Cost €25 per person or €40 per couple. Price include morning refreshments and carvery lunch. Speakers: David Quinn – Challenges in Catholic education, John Lacken – The Purpose and proper Catechesis of Children, Mark Hamilton – Education in Faith in a Catholic Secondary School, Jacki Ascough – Catholic Home-schooling. Contact 086 1738399 to book or for more information.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture From Suffrage to Self-Government - the Fight for Women's Rights and National Freedom. Speaker: Liz Gillis Friday, 26th October 8pm Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (society members free). All welcome

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw: Due to Halloween and the mid-term break it has been decided to bring the October Diocesan Draw forward to **Wednesday, 24th October at 8.00 pm.**

Bishop Laurence Forristal was born 5th June 1931 and grew up at Jerpoint Church. After National School in Thomastown, he got his secondary education at the Cistercian College in Roscrea. From there he went to Rome for studies and was ordained for service in the Archdiocese of Dublin in 21st December 1955. He worked in the Archdiocese until 1981. By then an auxiliary Bishop to the Archbishop of Dublin, when Bishop Peter Birch died in 1981, he was appointed Bishop of Ossory. He was our Bishop until his successor, Bishop Freeman, was appointed 14th September 2007. Bishop Forristal had a great love of Thomastown, and was greatly loved by you, the people of Thomastown. Blessed with an amazing memory, he remembered people and events right up to the end of his life. He could recall All Ireland wins, and who scored the winning point. He was a hands-on boss, with an attention to detail, sometimes to the dismay of Parish Priests throughout the Diocese. When the time came for clerical changes, he said he could move priests from parish to parish, but couldn't change them. After his retirement declining health meant that he needed care, and he went to Gowran Abbey Nursing Home. Not given to hanging up his boots, he whizzed around in his wheel-chair, attending to the spiritual needs of the residents. His visits to St. Luke's in Kilkenny became more regular and he died there on Wednesday. Buried beside the Cathedral, may his mortal remains rest there in peace until that time when the Lord comes again.