

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd September

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 & 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	29 th September at 5.45pm & 06 th October at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	22 nd September at 5.45pm & 13 th October at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Margaret Walshe**, Castle Avenue, **Patrick Doyle**, Glenpipe, **Nancy Carroll**, Lady's Well, recently deceased, **Brian Kirby**, Dangan Terrace & Dublin died a month ago, **Marian Lennon**, Legan (5.45pm Mass), **Billy O'Brien**, Friars Hill (11am Mass); **Thomas & Margaret Barron**, Ballyconway; **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill Street; **John & Catherine Doody**, Columcille; **Billy Hogan**, 3, Newtown Terrace & Wales, **Mairead O'Hara**, Jackstown. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend:

Ossory Social Services: Annual Church Door Collection next weekend 29th/30th September.

Do This in Memory enrolment Mass next Sunday 30th September at 11am. We invite the children who will receive First Communion next year to enrol in the Parish Programme.

Children's Liturgy: We invite the children not yet in Second Class to come aside, to the room over the Sacristy, to do something age appropriate based on the word of God. The Children's Liturgy takes place during 11am Sunday Mass. We invite all parents who would be interested in getting involved in a rota approximately once every 7 weeks for the school term to contact Dawn Dack on 0863799316.

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. Please leave your name in to the Senior Citizens Shop, Community Hall Thursday or Friday 10am to 2pm until closing date 5th October. The 11am Mass celebrated on the day will be in thanksgiving for 40 years in existence and in remembrance of all those members who are no longer with us.

Safeguarding Ossory information meeting for all involved in various aspects of ministry in the Parish takes place on 26 September in Ballyhale Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses in Kilkenny: 19th, 20th Oct 2018; 23rd, 24th Nov 2018 at Seville Lodge, Callan Road, Kilkenny. Tel No. 056 7722674. For more details, and other dates and venues, see Accord website <https://www.courses.accord.ie>

Grennan College: Open Night for prospective students is taking place on Tuesday 25th September 6.30pm/9pm. All sixth-class students and their parents are welcome. For further information contact the School Office on 056 7724112.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support: Have you been bereaved recently or in the past? Would you like to meet a trained bereavement volunteer in the peaceful surroundings of Villa Maria, Freshford Road, Kilkenny. Kilkenny Bereavement Support offer a confidential, free bereavement support service to people of all ages. Phone: 056 7756538.

Family Carers Ireland in association with CarePlus pharmacy are asking for your help in finding Carlow & Kilkenny's 2018 Carer of the Year. If you know of someone who is providing care to a loved one & would like them to be recognised for their outstanding work, then simply phone 056 7721424 or 1800 24 07 24 or log on to www.familycarers.ie to nominate them. Remember to include as much information about them as possible. Closing date is Friday 28th September.

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.

Anniversary Masses: Over the past few months it has become increasingly difficult to accommodate the number of Anniversary Masses requested in the weekend Mass schedule. With immediate effect, as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months mind remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass.

Online Theology Course: Study theology by distance learning, attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – why not join us this autumn? Register by September 25th. enquiries@priorinstitute.com Tel No.01 4048124.

Street Repairs: the R448 at Maudlin Street is due for road improvement works on Wednesday to Friday, so the traffic flow will be upset. Please take note and take care those days.

Parishioners Weekly Prayer: We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may welcome all people, no matter who they are, and do all that we can to help others to move forward with hope and in peace.

Amoris Laetitiae – Pope Francis writes that “The Second Vatican Council teaches that married love ‘embraces the good of the whole person’. A love lacking either pleasure or passion is insufficient to symbolise the union of the human heart with God: ‘All the mystics have affirmed that supernatural love and heavenly love find the symbols which they seek in marital love, rather than in friendship, filial devotion or devotion to a cause’. In no way can we consider the erotic dimension of love simply as a permissible evil or a burden to be tolerated for the good of the family. Rather, it must be seen as gift from God that enriches the relationship of the spouses. As a passion sublimated by a love respectful of the dignity of the other, it becomes a pure unadulterated affirmation revealing the marvels of which the human heart is capable. In this way, even momentarily, we can feel that ‘life has turned out good and happy.’”
Sections 142-152.