

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	<b>Wednesday – Vigil Mass “All Saints”</b>	<b>07.30pm</b>
	Friday Mass - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	09.30am
	Saturday Mass for those who have died in the last year	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba’s Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass	10.00am
	<b>Thursday Mass Feast of All Saints</b>	10.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 03<sup>rd</sup> November at 5.45pm & 17<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm  
**Mass in Mong** 27<sup>th</sup> October at 5.45pm & 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries** **Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway (7pm Mass); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin Street (9.30am Mass); **Jimmy O’Keeffe** (Months Mind Mass 11am); **Stephen & Charlie Behan** (11am Mass); **Christina Dempsey**, Powerswood & **Deceased Members of the Dempsey Family** (7.30pm Mass on Wednesday); **Bridie Farrell**, Newtown, **Rita Teesdale**, Jerpoint Church. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend: All the Deceased** (7pm); **Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 11am)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** holds its Church Door Collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone in need

**First Friday:** Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

**The Three Tenors in Concert** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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’Keeffe’s Shop, Market Street.

**Our parish November Mass** for those who have died during the past year and for all the dead will be held next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm. **The Book of the Names of the Dead** is placed before St. Joseph’s altar. Please enter there those for whom you wish us as a parish community to pray this November.

**October Stations** Please remember to support the priest in the Parish financially. If you haven’t got an envelope, please put your offering in an ordinary envelope, with your name and address.

**Do This in Memory Programme** 11am Mass this Sunday.

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Nathan Grealish, Berkley Lawn; Ollie Thomas O’Keeffe, Smithstown Upper; Koda Edward Butler, Dunan; Zofia Bajor, Newtown Terrace baptised into the family of God here in Thomastown in the past month.

**Ministers of the Eucharist November.** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister  
**07.00pm** Catherine Walsh Anne Treacy Sheila McDonald  
**11.00am** Seamus Quigley Breda Bergin Anne Donnelly

**Ministers of the Word for November.** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister  
**07.00pm** Bency Babu  
**09.30am** Mary Lannon  
**11.00am** Chrissie Keating  
Siobhan Collier Maureen Sherlock Vonnie Walsh

**With fewer priests** available for ministry throughout the Diocese, we will be embarking on a process of consultation on how best to plan for the future. One of the first steps is to gather accurate information. Each parish is asked to carry out a census of Mass attendance during the first three weekends of November. This will enable us to obtain an average weekend Mass attendance for each parish of the Diocese.

**Voice of Peace Ministry** is organising a Residential Retreat at St. Flannan’s College, Ennis. The sessions will include inspiring talks, uplifting praise and worship, workshops, healing service, spiritual sharing, eucharistic celebrations, anointing sessions and lively upbeat music. Dates 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November. For enquiries or registration contact Maura Hogan at 085 7338617

**St. Mary’s National School & Bags2School – Clothes Collection:** St. Mary’s National School will hold a clothes collection including: Shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys to support the Laura Lynn House. Please bring your unwanted items to the school from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Bags2School will donate an additional 10% to Laura Lynn House

**Thomastown Library 056 7794331 News: -**

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

**Irish Conversation Class:** 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.

**Thomastown Community Centre:** The Centre has successfully secured the maximum €200,000 under the Department of Rural & Community Development Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018. It further endorses the great work that has happened since 2013 with three Phases delivered in five years with a spend of €500,000. Phases four and five will see the Big Hall transformed into a modern building where the Library will relocate into part of it securing its future on Marshes Street for decades to come after so many other services relocated from the centre of the town in recent years. A local contribution of €65,000 will be needed as match funding. Enquiries 087 7728170

**Parishioners Weekly Prayer:** We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may have the courage to take action when we see something that we know is unfair or not right, so that we may help to make the world a safe place for all people.

### SAFEGUARDING

*If you have a safeguarding concern contact the  
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person*

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*The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are*

*Brigid Begley and Ray O’Carroll*

*They can be contacted through the Parish Office.*