

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Parish Church</b>	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
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> September at 5.45pm & 06 <sup>th</sup> October at 5.45pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> October at 5.45pm & 27 <sup>th</sup> October at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** Elizabeth (Lila) Vallely, Fr. Nicholas Flavin, recently deceased. John Walsh, Powerswood (5.45pm Mass); Brian Burke, Ladywell (7pm Mass); Fr. Frank Barron, John, Kate & Jim Barron (10am Mass Tuesday); Dorothy Teesdale, Belmore, Jerpoint Church (10am Mass Tuesday); Teresa Sheehan, Noreview Crescent. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** Kathleen Finan, Kilmurray (7pm Mass); Johnny Byrne, 12, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Michael Dunne & daughter Julie, Castle Avenue (11am Mass).

**Ossory Social Services:** Annual Church Door Collection this weekend.

**Do This in Memory Enrolment Mass** this Sunday at 11am. We invite the children who will receive First Communion next year to enrol in the Parish Programme.

**L'Arche Callan** - Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Eucharistic Adoration** in St. Columba's on Tuesday next 8/9pm. All welcome.

**Ministers of the Eucharist October.** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

<b>07.00pm</b>	Mary Butler	Joe Murphy	Teresa Cassin
<b>11.00am</b>	Tom Brett	Carmel Coone	Majella Morrissey

**Ministers of the Word for October.** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Michael Piert	Joe Dunphy	Tom Brett
Aleena Benny	Margaret Freyne	Alice Challoner

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to James Michael Mahony, Rathfarnham; Olly Alan Michael Gipp, Station Road; Aria Carmel McMahon, Australia; Josh Patrick Dack, Dunan; Anna Cate Manning Berkley Lawn baptised into the family of God recently.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm. The PPC seeks to identify areas of our common life where the light of Christ needs to shine, what it would be that God would identify as issues to be addressed, and what we as members of a Parish community would have a care for. That is a broad brief, but we will see where it leads us. To this end the members are involved these days in calling together some people to listen to your concerns and to feed them back to the PPC. If invited, please sit in on one of the groups. If not, you might put your ideas on paper and get them back to Fr. Dan at the Parish Office.

**Dates for your Diary:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – First Confessions, at 7.30pm; Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – The Sacrament of Confirmation, at 11 am. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - First Holy Communion, at 11 am. Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Thomastown Tidy Town** – Congratulations to all concerned. We can each play a part in this project.

**Rosary** will be recited in Inistioge Parish Church on the Feast of the Holy Rosary Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm to conclude the 54 Day Rosary Crusade. Please come along and join us.

### Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1978 – 2018.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October. The 11am Mass that day will be in thanksgiving for our 40 years and in remembrance of all who were part of the Association over the years.

**Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group**, Tuesday 2nd October 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Everyone welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society Book Launch** - *Kilkenny in Times of Revolution 1900 -1923*, by Eoin Swithin Walsh, on Friday, October 5th at 8pm in Mooncoin Parish Hall. All Welcome

**Ossory Parish Cells:** Growing Together in Faith Fri 5<sup>th</sup>/Sat 6<sup>th</sup>/Sun 7<sup>th</sup> October at Westcourt, Callan, Co. Kilkenny. Guest Speakers – Fr. Paul Fenech, Malta & Fr. Mike Hurley, Tallaght. Join us on 1/2 or all 3 days for prayer, praise, healing, thanksgiving and Mass. Booking, full itinerary and further information: Ann Stuart 086 1916813. Email: [annst77@gmail.com](mailto:annst77@gmail.com)

**Acts Retreat for Men (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service):** The next **Acts Retreat for Men** will take place from Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Castletown, Co. Laois. Come join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, peace, tranquillity and camaraderie. Please contact: Leslie Sweeney, 086 0296325, Jim Maher, 086 1276649.

**Parishioners Weekly Prayer:** We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be inspired to make a difference and to share what we have so that all people may have enough.

*Amoris Laetitia* – 'Love always gives life. The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomes as a gift of God. Here we see a reflection of the primacy of the love of God, who always takes the initiative, for children are loved before having done anything to deserve it. Responsible parenthood does not mean unlimited procreation or lack of awareness of what is involved in rearing children, but rather the empowerment of couples to use their inviolable liberty wisely and responsibly, taking into account social and demographic realities, as well as their own situation and legitimate desires. (Sections 165, 166, 167)