

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 18th November

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina	10.00am
	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 17th November at 5.45pm & 01st December 2018
Mass in Mong 24th November at 5.45pm & 08th December 2018

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Kathleen Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey (7pm Mass); **Kelly Walsh**, Cloughabrody (11am Mass); **Pat Stapleton**, 7, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); **Michael Furlong**, 3, Cloughabrody Heights (11am Mass); **Maureen Croke**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass), **Betty Byrne**, 32, Dangan Terrace; **Jim Daly**, Station Road; **Alice Walsh**, Kilvinogue.; **Tom Kelly**, **Sheila Kirby**, Dangan Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Una Kelly**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **William Kavanagh**, 38, Cloughabrody Heights (7pm Mass); **Michael O'Carroll**, Jerpoint Church (11am Mass); **Peg Daniels and son Paddy**, Kilmoganny (11am Mass)

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 19th to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

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.

November Offerings 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.

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.

L'Arche Kilkenny wishes to thank all who supported their Church Gate Collection. The amount collected in Thomastown came to €242.70

Feast of Christ the King: One Hour of Adoration will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday 25th November from 5pm. We pray that God will call people to serve as priests in the Diocese. Come and spend one hour with Jesus. All are welcome.
Adoration in Inistioge Church on Sunday 25th November from 2pm to 4pm.

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 19th of November at 7.20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age and circumstances of your child's death. For more information see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles is set to hold its **2018 Open Day** on **Saturday, 24 of November (10am -2pm)**. This is a must attend event for all aspiring post-primary teachers and will include information on our full suite of degrees, including our new BA in Education, Mathematics and Gaelige. Information will also be available on MIC's **undergraduate entrance scholarships**, worth €2,000 each, on offer to first year students undertaking study at MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles. Attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options, student supports, and the linkages to MIC Campus, Limerick. Full details at www.micopenaday.ie

School of Food Christmas Market, Sunday 25th November from 12pm - 4pm. Over the past 11 weeks our Chef students have been developing their own food product to debut at our Christmas Market. From sloe gin and Georgian cheese bread to chocolate truffles and spiced nuts. Along with this we'll have vegetarian street food, local craft beers and MUCH more. We welcome Yoga Storytelling with Anne Murray. All are welcome.

Inistioge Chamber Choir will be launching their new Christmas CD "Christmas-tide" in Cois Abhann Inistioge @ 8pm Sunday 25th November. Kilkenny hurling Manager Brian Cody will present the event. The repertoire will be wide ranging. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Please contact Francesca on 087-386 3942 if you have any queries.

Waterford/S.E. Region Charismatic Renewal: Word of God outreach invites you to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King in Edmund Rice Chapel, Waterford on Sunday 25th November 2/5.30pm. All welcome. Contact Sile 086 8590394/Mossy 087 2136812

Visiting the Cemetery, a sacred space where we lay our loved ones to rest, please keep your dog on a lead, and clean up after him please.

Weekend Mass Survey; Last weekend we had 47 people at Mass in Mong, 141 at 7pm Mass, 191 at 11am Mass, and 112 at the 9.30 Mass, coming to a total of 491. This weekend we conclude our survey. The figures will be fed into the Diocesan Office.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association is looking for volunteers to help with the memorial tree at SuperValu. Please contact 0868237526 if you can spare an hour or two.

Conference 24th November The process of discernment to find a way forward for the Diocese will depend on prayer – please lend your weight in this regard – and good judgement. A committee has proposed seven principles as a good basis for addressing the situation.

1. This entire process has to recognise that we are totally dependent on *the Holy Spirit* to guide us at every step of the journey.
2. Any new pastoral structure must recognise the central place of the celebration of *the Sunday Eucharist*.
3. The model which inspires this challenge is the '*People of God*', promoted by Pope Francis.
4. The model of creating *Pastoral Areas* incorporating a number of neighbouring parishes working closely together recommends itself as the best way forward.
5. To guide the decisions to be made, *consultation* must happen at every significant stage of the process.
6. Any new structures and strategies must be part of a diocesan initiative where *we move together* across the diocese. Kilkenny city may have particular considerations unique to itself.
7. We need to *invest in people and in the training and resourcing of competent personnel* to promote and strengthen any new structures and models of parish life and ministry.