

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 04<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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### CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 04<sup>th</sup> November

<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.

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 03<sup>rd</sup> November at 5.45pm & 17<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm  
**Mass in Mong** 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm & 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries: All the Deceased (7pm); Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 11am); **Alice Mackey**, Logan Street; **William & Paddy Grace**, Grennan. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Bessie Delaney**, Pipe Street (11am Mass); **Michael Furlong**, 3, Cloughabrody Heights (11am Mass)

**The Three Tenors in Concert** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 8pm in Thomastown Parish Church. The 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 and at the door.

**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.

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	Catherine Walsh	Anne Treacy	Sheila McDonald
<b>11.00am</b>	Seamus Quigley	Breda Bergin	Anne Donnelly

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Bency Babu	Mary Lannon	Chrissie Keating
Siobhan Collier	Maureen Sherlock	Vonnie Walsh

**Irish Heart Foundation** Church Gate Collection this weekend.

**WMOF2018 National Collection** next weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Crackers** Are you interested in acting, telling a story, singing. The Senior Citizens are putting a show together for Christmas. Come to The Community Hall Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11am for more information.

**Eucharistic Adoration** will be held on Tuesday evening from 8.00 - 9.00 in St Columba's Chapel. All welcome. Please bring a friend.

A call for a **9 day Fast and rosary** starting on November 6<sup>th</sup> to invoke God's blessings on proposed abortion legislation. For details contact Human Life International at 094 9375993.

**Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre**, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 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.

**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 Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**Thomastown Text Alert AGM:** Everyone is cordially invited to the AGM of the Thomastown & District Community Text Alert Scheme on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in the Thomastown Community Centre. Refreshments will be available on the night. Local Gardai will also give a talk on "Safety in the Home Place." Anyone wishing to join the scheme or renew their membership can do so on the night. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact: Cllr Breda Gardner, Chair, 087 2025753 or Seamus Quigley, Treasurer, 087 7728170.

**Come & See:** Exploring Priesthood Retreat 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November at Mount St. Anne's, Killenard, Portarlinton. The cost, €30, includes accommodation and meals. For information email [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie), Fr. Dan or another priest.

**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

*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.*

*While recognising the urgency of the situation and the need for some concrete responses, Bishop Farrell writes that 'what is being undertaken is a process of discernment, not just managerial re-organisation. This implies a context of prayerful seeking the will of God, rather than just an exchange of personal views.' There is a broader and deeper issue of what kind of Church God is calling the priests and people of the diocese to be in the longer term – perhaps less self-referential and more a community of missionary disciples, less clerical and more synodal, to use the language and categories of Pope Francis.*