

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th November 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 25th 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 Mass	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	02.00pm
Confessions	After 7pm Mass when requested.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 01st December at 5.45pm & 15th December at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong 24th November at 5.45pm & 08th December at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Una Kelly**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **William Kavanagh**, 38, Cloughabrody Heights (7pm Mass); **Michael O'Carroll**, Jerpont Church (11am Mass); **Peg Daniels and son Paddy**, Kilmoganny (11am Mass); **Josephine Butler**, Pleberstown; **Patrick Butler**, Crossregg; **Sheila O'Hanrahan**, Kiljames House; **Peter O'Hanrahan**, Ashbourne & Kiljames; **Margaret Murphy**, Jerpont Church; **Bridget & Martin Moore**, Ballydonnell. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Maura Collins**, Knocknabooley (7pm Mass); **Francie White**, Knocknabooley (7pm Mass); **John Whelan**, Jerpont Church (7pm Mass); **Eileen O'Mahony**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass)

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

07.00pm	Trish Dempsey	Fiona Fitzpatrick	Sr. Bernadette
11.00am	Tom Walsh	Alice Challoner	Marian Fennelly

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Ann Casey	Anna Minogue	Catherine Murphy
Betty O'Connor	Emma O'Keefe Walsh	Janet Sahaffi

Feast of Christ the King: One Hour of Adoration will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday 25th November from 5pm to ask God to call people to serve as priests in the Diocese. All are welcome. Adoration in Inistige Church on Sunday 25th November from 2pm to 4pm.

Weekend Mass Survey: Last weekend we had 61 people at Mass in Chapel Hill, 144 at 7pm Mass, 226 at 11am Mass, and 92 at the 9.30 Mass, coming to a total of 523. This concludes the survey. The figures have been fed into the Diocesan Office.

Ministers of the Word Training nights for new and existing Ministers with Prof Seamus O'Connell & Olivia Maher on Thursday 6th and 13th December at 7.30pm in St. Kieran's College.

The Future of our Parishes: An evening of reflection on the changing nature of our parishes and parish life with Bishop Dermot Farrell, Fr. Albert McDonnell & Gemma Mulligan on Monday 3rd December 7.30pm in St. Kieran's College.

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.

The Watergarden's popular Advent Fair will take place on Sunday, the 2nd of December, from 12pm until 5pm. This is a wonderful festive occasion for all the family. Come and enjoy the music, fires, hot food, cakes, mulled punch, craft workshops, Christmas trees and over twenty stalls of high quality handcrafts.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture: Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland, 1918-19 Speaker: Ida Milne on Thursday, November 29th, 8pm at Mullinavat Parish Hall.

All parishioners and their friends and family are invited to **our Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7pm.** The Carol Service in 2017 was 2 hours and 20 minutes long. Following feedback from many who attended, the Parish Pastoral Council together with the Carol Service Subcommittee have decided to trial a new format for our Carol Service 2018 to endeavour to keep it under an hour in length and have more participation from the congregation. Rest assured that this new format is just a trial. We will welcome any feedback to help us plan for Carol Service 2019.

Adult Faith Development Offerings for Advent

Advent Text for the Day. A thought for each day of Advent. Text your mobile number to 0858313100 or put your name on the sheets at the back of the Church.

An Advent Tweet Daily Thought. Follow the Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese

Advent Web Post Daily Thought. Log on to www.ossory.ie

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation – came into law throughout the EU in May 2018, giving you control over personal data. The Parish Policy Statement is to be read at the Parish Church notice board.

So you want to be a movie star? Thomastown United AFC are organising an information evening about a forthcoming event called the Kilkenny OsKaRs. If you've ever dreamt of starring in a movie, come along and find out how you can make that dream come true. The information evening will be held at the Thomastown Community Centre on Wednesday 28th November at 7.30 pm. For more information, please call Jerry Gardner on 087 6637466.

Safeguarding Sunday

The Diocese of Ossory celebrates Child Safeguarding Awareness Day this week-end 24th/25th November 2018. Child Safeguarding Awareness Day is a reminder to each one of us of our role in the safeguarding of children so that the abuse that happened in the past should not be allowed to happen again.

The Safeguarding Reps in this parish are: *Brigid Cassin Begley and Ray O'Carroll* They can be contacted through the Parish Office.

If you, or anyone you know, have a Safeguarding concern please contact:

TUSLA: Kilkenny area 059 913 6570 **An Garda Síochána:** 1800 555 222

If you wish to report an allegation directly to the Church Authorities, please contact

the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:** 087 100 0232.