

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

02nd December 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 02nd December		
Parish Church	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
	Friday Vigil Mass Feast Immaculate Conception	07.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's	Sunday Mass	09.30am
Hospital	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Saturday Immaculate Conception Mass	10.00am
Confessions	After 7pm Mass.	

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	01 st December at 5.45pm & 15 th December at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	08 th December at 5.45pm & 22 nd December

Deaths/Anniversaries: Maura Collins, Knocknabooley (7pm Mass); Francie White, Knocknabooley (7pm Mass); John Whelan, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); Eileen O'Mahony, Carrickmourne (11am Mass); Robbie Elkins, Melbourne, Florida (11am Mass); Patrick & Emily Morrissey, Ladywell; Eamon Morrissey, London; Joe Doyle, Kilfane. Elizabeth Fanning, Grennan, Mary Walshe, Dysart. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Margaret Morrissey, Clossgregg (5.45pm Mass); Bernie Stapleton (7pm Mass); Dick Forristal, Colmcille (7pm Mass); Stephen Ryan, Stoneyford & nephew Stephen Ryan, Galway (9.30am Mass); James & Mary McNamara (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'Keeffe Walsh	Janet Sahaffi

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month. 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. If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

Collection for the Ossory Priests: A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our retired priests have given to God and our parishes throughout the Diocese. The collection takes place this weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday evening in St Columba's from 8.00-9.00.

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee meets this Monday at 7.30pm.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

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

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Charlie Edward Tennyson, Fairgreen, baptised recently.

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.

The Watergarden's Advent Fair takes place this Sunday 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.

Christmas Craft Sale: 01st & 2nd December in the Community Centre 11am/5pm.

Inistioge Christmas Market & Great Ball Run is on Sunday 2nd December from midday onwards.

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 4th December 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre. Drop in, or for more information call 056-7771230.

Concert in Aid of Kilkenny Alzheimer Day Care Centre St. Fiacre's Church Loughboy, Thursday 6th December 8.00pm. Admission €10. Tickets on sale at the Village Day Centre and a limited number available on the door on the night. Contact Brenda Glynn for more info 0872509371.

So you want to be a movie star? Thomastown United AFC are organising an information evening about a forthcoming event called the Kilkenny OsKaRs, at the Thomastown Community Centre on Wednesday 05th December at 7.30 pm. For information, please call Jerry Gardner on 087 6637466.

Drama: Fionn McComhail players will stage the John B Keane play "Year of the Hiker" on Saturday 8th December at 8pm.

Catholic Doctors' Conference: a one-day conference: "**Ethics & Professionalism: Informed by Faith**" at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin, on Saturday 8th December 2018, 9am to 5pm. Further information and on-line registration at www.icdln.ie.

Christmas Day: The Community Centre will open this Christmas Day to serve traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. Don't be alone this Christmas Day. Call into the centre and leave your name with any member of the Centre Committee or call 087 7728170.

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.

Don't forget our **Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7pm.**

Parish Prayer: We pray that as a Parish community, we may watch and remain alert for those who are feeling isolated, hurt or alone during this Advent season.

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