

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th January 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20th January

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
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	19 th January at 5.45pm & 02 nd February at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	26 th January at 5.45pm & 09 th February at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Toby Cody**, Bawnskeha (5.45pm Mass); **Kristen Friel**, 55, Cloughbrody Heights (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Walter Walsh**, Grennan House (7pm Mass); **John Hindle**, Kilkenny (7pm Mass); **Brigid Monahan & J P Monahan** (11am Mass); **Mary Dunne** formerly St. Patricks, Kilkenny (11am Mass); **Mervyn Power**, Norelands. **Michael & Mary Power**, Newtown Tce. **Michael & Marie Kearney**, Oldtown; **John & Donnicaadh Kirwan**, **Mary O'Halloran** (nee Kirwan). **Josie McGrath**, Carrickmourne, **Pa Kelly**, 42 Newtown Terrace; **Jim Delaney**, Newtown Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Tom Grace**, Newtown Tce (7.00pm Mass) **Julie Stapleton**, 7 Dangan Tce.(11.00am Mass); **Angela Walsh**, Friars Hill (9.30am Mass Friday 01st Feb)

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 21st to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

Drama: Fionn McComhail players will stage the John B Keane play "Year of the Hiker" on Saturday 19th January at 8pm in the Concert Hall, Market Street, Thomastown. Admission €12 at the door on the night. Enquiries Seamus 087 7728170.

Drama: The Kilquhan Players will perform a Three Act Comedy by P G O'Dea called "Poor Jimmy" on Friday 25th January at 8pm. Admission €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries Seamus 087 7728170.

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 21st of January at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Baptism Ministry: Is this something that you may like to be involved in? We want to say a big 'Thank You' to all the wonderful families who have welcomed our Teams into their homes over the past fourteen years and we in turn have welcomed them into the Lord's House on behalf of the Community, when presenting a family member for Baptism. If you would like to be involved in this worthwhile Ministry, please contact Margaret: 086-8548509 or Marian: 086-0693510.

Do This In Memory Programme next Sunday 11am Mass.

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?

GROW is here to help you: Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday @ 8pm Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

Did you get time to look at is www.catholicireland.net. It describes itself as 'an online source of information and inspiration'. This week you will find some further good reading on www.catholicireland.net. Why not have a look at the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. There is a lot of information on the Bishops' Conference – they meet regularly at Maynooth and seek to work as a team, under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Armagh, Eamon Martin.

Church Unity Octave: for many years these days, from the 18th to 25th January, have been designated as a week of prayer for unity among the Christian Churches. This follows the prayer of Jesus, 'that they all may be one'. So, throughout the world the Christian Churches will be praying for and promoting unity. In the past we focused on our differences, on what kept us apart. Nowadays the focus has changed, to what we have in common. The theme chosen for this year's week of prayer is 'justice, only justice you shall pursue'. This is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy (chapter 16, verse 18). You will find information on this week on the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference website.

World Youth Day takes place this week, 22nd to 27th January, in Panama City. Like the World Meeting of Families and the Eucharistic Congress, each time these events come around a different venue is chosen. Pope Francis will attend the gathering in Panama next week. Let's see what kind of coverage the Irish media gives the event.

Remember the various **Synods** which take place in Rome, every few years, when Catholic Church leaders gather to discuss a certain theme, and from the gathering present a Document..... From 3rd to 28th October bishops gathered in Rome, with young people from many countries, to talk about Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment. Significantly, since Francis became Pope, each Synod has had a period of preparation when Churches have been invited to discuss the Synod theme. The results of the preparatory discussions were sent to Rome, collated, and when the people gathered in Rome this document was used as a basis for further conversation. From that conversation, **the Final Document of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment** has been published, and can be accessed on the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. Have a read of it. It is described as a 'roadmap', to guide the way forward for the next number of years. The process marks the style of Pope Francis, calling for a Synodal Church, a Church of 'people journeying together along the road of life, listening to and supporting one another on the way. That's the kind of Church he calls for in each diocese and parish also.

Family Carers Ireland: Are currently recruiting for homecare workers in the Thomastown area. Applicants should have at least 2 years' experience in a relevant care setting, an up to date patient moving & handling cert & have completed QQI level 5 in Healthcare Support or equivalent. Applications can be sent to mwalsh@familycarers.ie

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services.

For more information contact MABS on: www.mabs.ie or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761 072610.

Parish Prayer: We pray for our Parish, families, neighbours and friends; that we may be inspired to make a difference, to change our own lives and reach out to help others who are trying to change their lives too.