

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th January 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13th 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	12 th January at 5.45pm & 26 th January at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Con Moore**, Colmcille & Chicago who died recently. **Peig Plunkett nee O'Brien** Coppenagh (Months Mind 5.45pm Mass); **Anastasia O'Brien**, Mong (5.45pm Mass); **Frances & Patrick Lannon**, Station Rd (7pm Mass); **Memorial Mass for names on Memorial Tree in Super Valu** (7pm Mass); **Michael Walsh**, Friars Hill (11am Mass); **Eddie & Mary Fenlon**, Bridge House (11am Mass); **Jimmy & Betty Dockery**, Friars Hill (11am Mass); **Noreen Walsh & Deceased Members of the Walsh Family**, Dangan; **Sean Doyle & Michael Doyle**, Colmcille; **Catherine Lee**, Maudlin Street; **Michael Landy & Margaret Landy**, Station Road.; **Mary Campbell**, Drogheda; **Edward Cahill**, Smithstown and **Margaret (Peg) Culleton nee Cahill**, Smithstown; **James O'Hara**, Jackstown; **Catherine Hill**, Maudlin Court. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Toby Cody**, Bawnskeha (5.45pm Mass); **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)

Baptism Ministry: Is this something that you may like to be involved in? On this the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord 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.

Review of 2018 Christmas Carol Service. We have had some lovely feedback regarding the Carol Service "I thought it was a great success this year. The length of time was perfect and family friendly. Choirs were excellent, and the audience participation was good fun! Santa went down really well at the end also. Big congrats to all involved on the committee". To give feedback you can speak to any committee member Majella Morrissey (chair), Bernie Dempsey, Helena Hull, Brideen Kirwan, Sarah Rice or Fr Dan or email thomastown@ossory.ie with your comments/suggestions which will be used to plan for future Carol Services.

The Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding its church gate collection on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th of January 2019. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

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.

Zumba classes each week in Thomastown: Monday Grennan College Gym at 7.30pm; Tuesday Concert Hall at 10.30am; Thursday Concert Hall at 7:00pm; Saturday Concert Hall at 5:00pm. Also Inistioige Tuesday at Cois Abhann at 7:00pm. Pay as you go €7 for adults. Bring water.

Give up yer aul Bikes for Africa The Rotary Club of Kilkenny at Dunmore Recycling Centre are collecting unwanted bikes and forwarding them to people in Africa. Bikes will be first transported to Loughan House Open Prison in Cavan, refurbished by prisoners and transported to Africa. Please **"Re-Cycle"** and help transform the daily lives of other less fortunate.

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

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.

Facebook: Thomastown Parish is back with Facebook. Have a look. Deirdre O'Keefe is back to work at the Parish Office on Tuesdays, so she is looking after it. While exploring Thomastown Parish on Facebook, be sure to keep an eye on the Parish website. You will get the Newsletter there too, if you haven't got a hard copy.

And while Fr. Dan is at it, a worthwhile site to look at is www.catholicireland.net. It describes itself as 'an online source of information and inspiration'.

Ordinary Time: Certain times of the year have their own individual character. Our two main feasts are Christmas and Easter. Each has a period of time leading up to it, so Advent is the leadup to Christmas. The Christmas season lasts until the Baptism of our Lord, this weekend. Lent is the leadup to Easter. This year Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on 6th March. After Easter Sunday – this year on 21st April - we have the Easter Season of 50 days, until Pentecost Sunday, this year on 9th June. This is one feast day – the great Sunday, lasting 50 days.

Besides those two seasons there remain in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated. This period is known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday which follows the Sunday occurring after 6th January and extends up to and including the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends before the First Sunday of Advent, which occurs this calendar year on 1st December.

The Liturgical colour during Ordinary Time is green, so vestments until Lent will be predominantly green, allowing for white on saint's days, and red on the feast days of martyrs.

Parish Prayer: We pray for our parish, families, neighbours and friends: that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, serve others who are in need and share love as Jesus taught us.