

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

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### CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Mass	11.00am
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Eve (Family Mass)</b>	<b>06.00pm</b>
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>08.00pm</b>
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	11.00am
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 02 <sup>nd</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Friday 04 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 05 <sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass Feast of the Epiphany	07.00pm
	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> January Feast of the Epiphany Mass	11.00am
<b>St.Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>09.30am</b>
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday 01 <sup>st</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Thursday 03 <sup>rd</sup> January Mass	10.00am
	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> January Feast of the Epiphany Mass	09.30am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>08.00pm</b>
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December & 05 <sup>th</sup> January Mass	05.45pm
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December Mass	05.45pm
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>10.30am</b>

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Christian Freil**, Cloghbrody, who died recently, **Margaret & Philomena Behan** (11am Mass); **John Butler**, Pleberstown; **Kathleen Holden**, Knockbrack; **Luke Donnelly**, Jerpoint Church; **Mary Kelly**, 42, Newtown Tce; **Patrick Doyle**, Kilfane. **Nora and Jackie Dunphy**, Dangan Terrace. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Josie Lannon**, 34, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind 7pm Mass); **Jim & Teresa Lee**, 39, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Patricia Carolan**, Dublin (7pm Mass); **Trevor Minogue**, 15, Newtown Terrace & **Gerry Minogue** (7pm Mass); **Matthew Kearney**, Ballydonnell (7pm Mass); **Michael Kearney**, Ballydonnell (7pm Mass); **Mary Langton nee Brophy**, Australia; (7pm Mass); **Sean O'Sullivan & Dan O'Sullivan**, Burrellspark (11am Mass)

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Louie William McMahon Pleberstown baptised into the family of God recently.

**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. Please let us know in advance if you are coming. All donations welcome.

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	Sr. Anna	Teresa Cassin	Helen Comerford
<b>11.00am</b>	KC Babu	Sharon Bambrick	Carmel Coone

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Alicia Dunphy	Mairead O'Keeffe	Frances Roche
David McPherson	Bernie Egan	Michael O'Brien

**Christmas Offerings** will be gratefully received. If you haven't an envelope, please put your donation in an ordinary envelope with your name and address. You may find it more convenient to set up a Standing Order using the following information: Account Name: Thomastown Church Parochial Current Account. BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE39BOFI90609911711780.

**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

**Parish Office:** The Office will be closed this week and will reopen Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> January. Meanwhile, please email anniversaries or leave a note in the Letter Box at the Parish Office. The next News Letter will be 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Parish Prayer:** We pray for those in our Parish community who are isolated and lonely at this time; that they will be consoled by the presence of Jesus whose love will provide strength and comfort.

*Christmas is a time of opportunity. It creates a climate which encourages us to reveal our better natures. Just as the spring assures the growth of crops, so Christmas assures the growth of love.*

*Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. It was God who started it all when he gave us the gift of his Son. At the same time, it reveals to us what the human heart is capable of. Christmas causes us to open our hearts. And the extent to which we open our hearts to God and to one another, will be the extent to which we experience the 'great joy' the angels announced to the shepherds, because joy is the fruit of love.*

**Nollaig shona daoibhse. Happy Christmas! Joyeux Noël!**

**Frohe Weihnachten! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale!**

**Feliz Natal! Vrolijk kerstfeest!**

**Wesołych świąt Bożego Narodzenia!\_kristhumas aaSamsakaL!**

**And all good wishes and blessings for 2019!!**

And a prize to the first five young people drawn from the hat who identify the languages above. Envelopes to the Parish Office by 1<sup>st</sup> January.