

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10th February

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	16 th February at 5.45pm & 02 nd March at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	09 th February at 5.45pm & 23 rd February at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Ann Walsh, Cloghabrody Heights, and Tom Lannon, Dangan Terrace, died recently, Joe Minogue, 7, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Kathleen & Patrick Delahunty, Mill Street (11am Mass); John Delahunty, 35, Newtown Terrace (11am Mass); Anne McFadden, Singapore & 28, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); **Harry Beck**, 28, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); **Andrew Barron**, Ballyconway (9.30am Mass Monday); **Richard Gaule**, Colmcille; **Michael Minogue**, Jerpoint West; **Carmel & Eileen Ryan**, Newtown Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Pdraig Kirwan, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe Street (11am Mass).

Lourdes Invalid Fund - Annual Collection takes place this weekend to offer financial support to assisted pilgrims. Do consider travelling on the diocesan pilgrimage. It is an occasion of blessing personally, for those prayed for and for the People of God. The contact details are on the other page.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its church door collection next weekend 16th/17th February. Your support is greatly appreciated. The tel. number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086-2664669** for anyone in need.

You Shall be my Witnesses, the parish programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation continues Tuesday of this week. The young people commit, in preparation for the Sacrament, to take time each day to pray, to participate in the prayer of the community by being at Mass every weekend, to take part fully in the preparation for Confirmation at school, in the parish and at home, and to be the kind of person that Jesus would want them to be at home, at school and in the parish community. Noble aspirations, and how can you help them to be faithful to their commitment? The school mid-term break occurs next week, so the programme will resume when school opens once more.

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses: the next course in Kilkenny is 22nd/23rd March. Contact the Accord website or call 056-7722674.

Blessing of rings: next weekend at Masses we will bless rings for engaged and married couples at our Masses. Engagement and wedding rings speak of commitment and love, and it is good for the People of God to acknowledge that and ask God's blessing on all who have chosen this heroic way of life.

Thomastown Library, Marshes Street: is starting an Irish conversation group. If you would like to practise the "cupla focal" you remember from school come along to the library on Wednesday 13th February at 6.30pm and have a chat. Slan go foill...

Fiver Friday: The School of Food pop up restaurant will be open from 12pm – 2pm every Friday serving a delicious lunch! We will also have a take away option available from 11.30am. All dishes €5 or whatever you would like to donate.

Concert Hall: Moonlight Drama Group will perform a play by Sigerson Clifford called "NANO" set in the 1930s. It will run for three nights starting on Thursday 14th February at 8pm. Admission €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170 in aid of Camphill Communities Ireland.

St. Mary's National School Enrolment 2019/2020: Reminder if parents wish to enrol their child for Junior Infants they may do so by contacting the school @ 056-7724290 or calling to the school.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email glenmore@ossory.ie

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2019: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE – 'IT'S OK NOT TO FEEL OK; AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY OK TO ASK FOR HELP' - WILL VISIT KILKENNY SATURDAY APRIL 27TH 2019. BECOME A HOMESTAY HOST - Can you donate a bed for one night? CAS needs your help to accommodate this year's cyclists and crew. If you live within a reasonable distance i.e. 20mile radius from Kilkenny and can offer a bed for 1 night along with a shower/bath facility and a meal we would greatly appreciate it. Feedback from Homestay hosts indicates that this experience has been extremely rewarding, as it allows hosts to lend support in a very tangible way contact: homestays@cycleagainstsucide.com

Anam Cara Tipperary the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 18th February at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Friday 15th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

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 to the Lord for the grace to embrace true love in our lives in everything we do. May the Lord bless all who have committed to love as married people, and bless too all who plan to marry this year.*