

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm & 04 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm & 27 <sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Mary Cody**, Bawnskeha (5.30pm Mass); **Gobnait Murphy**, Kilkenny (5.30pm Mass); **Sean Finan**, Kilmurray (Months Mind 7pm Mass); **Bobby Lee**, 8, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Edward Wallace, Jerpoint Abbey (7pm Mass); William Savage**, Friars Hill (Months Mind 11am Mass); **Kathleen Behan**, 5, Cloughabrody (11am Mass); **Colum Dack**, 26, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); **John & Bridie Barron**, Cloughsregg; **Katie Connolly**, Brownsbarn; **Nora Morrissey**, Coolroemore; **The Kennedy Family**, Ballyconway; **James (Jimmie) O'Donnell; Brigid & William Heafey; Patrick Lannon**, Station Road; **Joan & James O'Neill**, Grennan; **Jim Challoner**, Dangan Terrace; **Patrick & Bridget O'Neill**, Smithstown; **Edmund Forristal**, Jerpoint Church; **Bridie Roche**, Grennan; May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Jack Cahill**, Smithstown & daughter **Ann Grey** (7pm Mass); **Toddy Cassin**, Station Road (7pm Mass); **Mary Doyle**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass)

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

**Parish Lenten Programme:** Ms. Gemma Mulligan is the Co-ordinator of the diocesan Plan. She will speak at Mass at 7pm next Saturday night, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Fr. Richard Scriven will talk at Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> March, and on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April Ms. Maeve Mahon will talk to us. Please come those nights – that may be part of your Lenten resolution. Please note that Masses in Chapel Hill and Mong will not be held on those dates so that those who gather for Mass there will benefit from these evenings

If you haven't seen Bishop Farrell on television, or read his **Pastoral Letter**, find it on the Diocesan website and on the parish Facebook. Meanwhile, the Bishop has begun a series of meetings throughout the Diocese regarding the proposed Pastoral Areas. He will speak with the Parish Council and Finance Committee members of Inistioge, Tullaherin and Thomastown on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Shamrocks:** Best of luck to the Shamrocks, playing St. Thomas, the Galway champions, in the Club All Ireland this Sunday. Meanwhile Thomastown are well represented on the Kilkenny team to play Galway in the Camogie League final. Best of luck to the ladies too. Not to be left out, on the Kilkenny People Fixtures page, Thomastown United are playing in just about every grade possible, so this is a big sporting weekend. No wonder the Club is on the lookout for volunteers who can help out at the club, especially for coaching teams. Please contact Mary Synnott on 086 0269880 if you can help, or if you wish to register to play.

**Cathedral Draw:** The first draw of Year Five will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Do please consider joining. Join the Draw, €10 per month, at Reddy's Gift Shop, Murphy Victualler at Market Street, the Parish Office or Fr. Dan.

**The Watercolour Art Group Exhibition:** continues in the Gallery at The Watergarden, until March 26<sup>th</sup>. All welcome. Anyone interested in joining the group please contact Miriam on 086 3047711 or Mary on 086 1553688.

**Flower Arranging Classes:** Thomastown Library will be running another series of 3 classes before Easter. Why not join in and create a beautiful Spring Basket or an Easter posy? Call to the library or give us a ring on 056 7794331 to book.

**Thomastown Library Ciorcal Comhra:** Our Irish conversation group is going strong and meet in the library on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. You are welcome to come along and have a chat. Slan go foill..

**Children's Storytelling:** Storytelling and crafts for children ages 3 to 8 years will take place on Saturdays at 11am. No need to book just come along

**Conference: Citizens of Two Cities: Being Church in the World Today.** Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan. This day will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in St. Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. Times: 10.00 am - 4.00 p.m. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided), pay on the door. Booking essential. To book your place, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

**Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie)

**In the Shadow of The Steeple:** Dúchas Heritage Society will launch the 13<sup>th</sup> volume of the series, "In the Shadow of the Steeple" in the Bennettsbridge Community Hall, on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8 o'clock. The book will be launched by Nicky Mosse. On the night some copies of previous publications will be available for people who may wish to replace or perhaps start a collection of these books which are an invaluable source of history in our area. A small donation will secure one of these back copies.

**Every Life Counts** is a support network for parents who are told their unborn baby is not expected to live. Having been there themselves, the network members provide guidance on how best to cherish the baby's short life. To promote our organisation in all Maternity and GP clinics we need funds. Please give to our Church Gate Collection – March 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup>

**Come to the School of Food Street Food Market** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 12pm - 3pm. Over the past 11 weeks the Chef students have been developing their own food product to debut at the Street Food Market! All sorts of wonderful and exotic foods, with an international twist.

**Parish Prayer:** We pray for the leaders of our Church in Ireland: that they may have the courage and wisdom of Saint Patrick.