

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st March 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 31st March

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	11.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	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	04 th May at 5.30pm & 18 th May at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	13 th April 5.30pm & 27 th April at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Teresa Walsh**, Noreview Crescent (7pm Mass); **Mary O'Keeffe** (11am Mass); **Mary & Pat Hanrahan**, Powerswood (11am Mass); **Hannah Lily Roche** (10am Mass Tuesday); **Denis Treacy**, Powerswood; **Thomas Townsend**, Jerpoint. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Jim Blanchfield & Members of Blanchfield Family** (7pm Mass); **Neddy Hogan**, 3, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Edward Walshe**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass)

Children with Special Education Needs: Annual Church Door Collection next week end Saturday 6th /Sunday 7th April.

Parish Lenten Programme: Saturday 6th April Ms. Maeve Mahon will talk to us. Maeve Mahon is a member of the Catechetical Team in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin and is the brain behind 'Do this in Memory', with Fr. Martin Delaney, Parish Priest in Rathdowney, and 'You shall be my witnesses', the parish programme in preparation for Confirmation. For this reason we issue a special invitation to the young people preparing for the Sacrament and their parents and sponsors. 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 come to hear our speakers.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in Thomastown on Friday 12th April at 11am.

Ministers of the Eucharist for April: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

07.00pm	Catherine Walsh	Anne Treacy	Sheila McDonald
11.00am	Tom Walsh	Alice Challoner	Marion Fennelly

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Jincy Babu	Pat Cronin	Vonnie Walsh
Nellie Doherty	Emma O'Keeffe	Noirin Fitzgerald

The Light is on for You – Fr. Raymond Dempsey will be available in the Parish Church 2nd and 16th April 7pm/8pm as we approach Holy Week & Easter while Fr. Dan goes to Inistioge and the Rower.

A Cake Sale will take place after the 11am Mass this Sunday. The Cake Sale is being run by the Parish Finance Committee to raise funds to repair the Belfry Bell which hasn't rung out over the town for a number of years. Please God the bell will soon ring out and strike a chord in our busy days once more. It would be greatly appreciated if you would do some baking and help with the fundraising. Contact Kathleen at 086 0622398.

Evening Retreat for Readers of Our Diocese: An opportunity for all readers of our Diocese to come together for an evening of reflection with Fr. Jim Murphy and the Ossory Diocesan Retreat Team on Monday 01st April at 7.30pm in St. Kieran's College.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St. Columba's chapel on Tuesday night from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome. Cup of tea afterwards

Bishop Farrell will celebrate Mass at St. Columba's Hospital on Tuesday at 10am and spend time with the residents and staff afterwards. All are welcome.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

Community Centre Drama: Killoughternane Drama presents "Sive" a Two Act Play by John B Keane on Friday 5th April at 8pm. Tickets €10 at the door. Enquiries Seamus 087 7728170

Eucharistic Adoration: The Diocese of Ossory is developing a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the Diocese. Come to an Information Meeting in The Chapter Room, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Saturday 6th April 2019 at 11.30am (finishing at 12.45). See poster in the Church for further details of how to attend or contact the Parish Office promptly.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Harry Peter Thomas, Hillview; Zoe Eleanor Brandon, Berkley Lawn; Richard Emmett Moore, Summerhill; Sinead Caoimhe Freyne, Berkley Lawn; Nathan Declan Hynes, Newtown baptised into the family of God recently.

Every Life Counts would like to thank everyone who contributed to our church gate collection last weekend which amounted to €435. Your generosity was much appreciated.

Lenten Dues: The Dues are one of the 6 collections throughout the year that are for the financial support of the priest. Please return as soon as possible and thank you in anticipation.

Thomastown Camogie Club will hold a Dinner Dance to celebrate winning three county senior championships in a row, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and also two Leinster Senior Club titles. This will be held in "The Loft", Cillian Hill, Kilkenny on Saturday 6th April at 8.00pm with a two-course dinner followed by music. We would love to meet you all there.

Seeing the hardships the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi are undergoing, **think Trocaire** as a way of helping.

Parish Prayer: We pray for our parish, family and friends: that God will help us to forgive those who have injured us and to pray for them and their needs.

Plastics are a pest. We notice the country littered with them these days. The Parish is going anti-plastic. So, when in other years we gathered a whole lot of plastic bottles and gave them to you with Easter water, we are asking that this year you bring glass bottles. So, bring them before Easter, preferably filled with water which we will bless at the Easter Vigil, or otherwise bring them to the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass, already filled with water, and we will bless the water then.