

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th May 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 26th May

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 in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	01 st June at 5.30pm & 15 th June at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	08 th June at 5.30pm & 22 nd June at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. **Patsy Bolger**, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Siobhan Stapleton**, Kilfane (7pm Mass); **Colin, Martin and Breda O'Neill**, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Niall Walsh**, Station Road (11am Mass); **James & Bee O'Mahony**, Station Road (11am Mass); **Chinnamma Chacko** (10am Mass Monday); **Rose, Sean & Jack Donohue** (10am Mass Tuesday); **Bridget Power & Michael Power**, Castle View, Grennan; **Richard & Patrick Power**, Kilfane; **Nancy O'Neill**, Ballinamona. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Paul Forristal, Maudlin Court (11am Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Society telephone number Society is **086 2664669** for anyone in need.

Dates for your Diary:

Mass at Colmcille Cemetery will be held on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm.
Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery will be held on Friday 2nd August at 8pm.

May is referred to as the Month of Our Lady.

Rosary Beads are available near the statue of Mary. Give your family members a Rosary, and pray the Rosary, or even one decade, each day during this month. Please place €1 in the box for donations for candles for each Rosary.

This is a time to be in unity with the pilgrims from the Diocese in Lourdes.

As we pray a decade of the Rosary, consider it as though Mary were opening a photograph album and sharing with us some event in the life of her Son. We reflect on the 'mystery' and then recite the decade – Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and the Glory be.....

The June Collection, one of the six contributions to support the priests of our Parishes is due these times. Fr. Dan appreciates your support. Please get the envelopes back presently, and if you haven't received envelopes, please contact the Office or place it with your name and address, in an ordinary envelope.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 22nd June. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.20am. Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat. Poster at the back of the Church.

Fr. Ray Kelly in Concert with Meath Diocesan Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra in St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday 9th June 2019 8pm. in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Admission €20. Tickets available from Parish Offices, St. Mary's Cathedral, Diocesan Office 056 7762448 and online www.ossory.ie

Music in the Liturgy: A workshop for Singers, Choirs, Musicians and all who are interested in music in the liturgy Tuesday 11th June 2019 7.30pm -9.30pm in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Workshop led by Dr John O'Keefe, Director of Sacred Music, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Cost of Workshop, which includes a copy of "Feasts & Seasons 2" (with CD) €15. Booking: afd@ossory.ie or online www.ossory.ie.

Pastoral Areas: Following consultation with the 42 Parishes throughout the Diocese during Lent, Bishop Farrell has formed 13 Pastoral Areas, and grouped Thomastown and Inistioge together, so the two parishes are asked to foster collaboration in the years ahead. Reps from the two Parish Pastoral Councils will meet to identify priorities for the Pastoral Area, and to address the number of Masses in the Area, with a view to allowing a maximum choice for parishioners to attend Mass in their own Parish. The schedule must also allow a reduced number of priests to cover Masses in neighbouring parishes. The Bishop proposes that the decision about reducing and rescheduling Masses should be finalised before the end of June. The new schedule of Masses is to be introduced across the Diocese on the First Sunday of Advent 2019.

The Rower Inistioge Vocations. An Anthology by Fr Richard Scriven acknowledging over 130 priests and religious from the Parish. Book now available at Parish Office €15 per copy.

Hospital visits: Please let me know if someone in Hospital might like a visit. Hospital data protection regulations, personal preference, brevity of time in Hospital and lack of information make it more difficult nowadays to know if someone is in Hospital. If the time is short, I will be happy to call to the homes of former patients. And, of course, I will be happy to mention the person to the Lord in my prayers. Fr. Dan.

Lourdes Church Gate Collection: The recent church gate collection raised €490.00. The Youth Helpers would like to express their gratitude to the parishioners for their support and donations. Particular thanks to Fr. Dan, Supervalu, SVP, Treacy's, Mr Dooley Grennan College and all family and friends.

Towards Healing: Free & Confidential Helpline and Counselling Referral Service. Towards Healing is a Support Service, funded by the Catholic Church for Survivors of Institutional, Clerical and Religious abuse and provides the following: Helpline support; Counselling; Psych-Educational Group Work; Practical Workshops; Restorative Justice/Facilitated meetings; Advocacy. Freephone 1800303416; Mobile Number for Hearing Impaired Users 085 8022859 www.towardshealing.ie
The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists.

The Kilkenny Branch of Arthritis Ireland hosts a talk from a professional who in some way can provide tools to help in pain management. Mary Hayden will speak about acupuncture and how it can help the body and chronic pain on 28th May at 7.30pm in the Ossory Park Centre in Kilkenny. This is a FREE event but registration is needed. Call/text 0871491767 to book a place.

Our support group for **Parents of Children with Disabilities** is being held next Wednesday, 29th May at 10.30am in our Resource Centre at the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.
The **Kilkenny Carers Support Group** is being held on Thursday, 30th May at 10.30am in Social Services, Waterford Road.