

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Tuesday School Mass	11.30am
	Wednesday 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>	29 <sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm & 06 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 5.30pm & 13 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries.** **Patricia Neville**, Norelands, Stoneyford recently deceased. **Patrick Ryan**, Legan (7pm Mass); **Jim Doherty**, Carrickmourne (9.30am Mass); **Maura Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (11am Mass); **Jacob Lannon Coone**, 54, Mallfield, (10am Mass Tuesday); **Patrick Doolan**, 6, Castle Avenue; **Nicholas Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Monica Villilard** formerly Jerpoint Abbey; **Mary Ryan** formerly Kilfane; **Mary Kate, Johnny, Ber & Patrick Tusa Doolan** Newtown; **Michael Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomasatown; **James & Mary Cassin, Thomas & Patrick Cassin**, Coolroemore; **Catherine & Liam Rice**, Carlow. May they rest in peace

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Brendan Griffin**, Colmcille (7pm Mass).

**Do This in Memory Mass** 11am this Sunday.

**St. Mary's National School** holds **Mass** at the Parish Church on Tuesday at 11.30am to mark the close of the School year 2018-2019.

Meanwhile, best wishes to the young people completing Leaving and Junior Certificate exams these days. For all our young people may these summer days be good days, as they grow 'in wisdom, age and grace'. Please God this will be a safe time too, as young people play and work. May they take good care and be safe.

Sister Mary Crowley of the **Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles** spoke with us at Mass last weekend. Check out their impressive story on their website [www.olaireland.ie](http://www.olaireland.ie)

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

**Annual Church Door Collection** for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life next weekend.

**Cemetery Masses** will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 8pm, and at the Cemetery at St. Columba's Hospital on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.

**Thomastown Parish Council** will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**The Blood Donation Clinic** will be held at St Mary's N.S. Thomastown on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 5pm – 8.30pm. You or yours may need blood sometime, so be generous now.

**Hospital visits:** Please let Fr. Dan 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, he will be happy to call to the homes of former patients.

**Computer Classes:** Paul of Kilkenny Adult Learning Services has been teaching **Computer Classes for beginners** in Thomastown Library for several years now with great results! He will be returning in September. We will be offering the following classes: **Free Beginner Computer Classes, Free Driver Theory Test Tuition** Call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331.

**A Rally for Life** will be held in Dublin City Centre on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2.00pm. Mass at 1.00pm in St Saviours, Dominick Street. Bus leaving Loughboy at 10.30am, due back at 6.00pm. Contact Ron at 086 669 6632. Lifts to Kilkenny from Thomastown and Inistioige can be arranged.

**GROW** 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. (CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness. Please contact Mary 087 2843424

**The John Needs Pembro Fundraising Committee** has permission to fundraise around Croke Park on the day of the Leinster senior Hurling Final. This is an opportunity to raise funds to help John Holmes pay for an infusion of his cancer medication Pembrolizumab. John has been fighting cancer for seven years and last October he was prescribed 30 infusions of the drug. Unfortunately, as it is not licensed by the HSE for his rare cancer, he must pay for this treatment out-of-pocket. Each infusion costs €5,111.50 (incl. VAT). The Committee is fundraising to relieve him of this financial stress. If anyone would like to help us in Dublin by shaking a bucket for an hour or two before the match, please contact Kieran at 085 1620 321 or e-mail [johnneedspembro2018@gmail.com](mailto:johnneedspembro2018@gmail.com)

The vision of **Towards Peace** is to provide a safe supportive space where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace one step at time. Phone 01 5053028; email [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie) web [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

The Feast of **Corpus Christi** (Latin for "Body of Christ") is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the elements of the Eucharist. The feast has been held since 1246. ... This festival is celebrated to proclaim the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body of Christ during Mass. The feast is marked with processions with the Blessed Sacrament. The girls and boys who received First Communion in May will process with the Blessed Sacrament in Church at 11 am Mass this weekend.

Pedro Arrupe SJ, a prophetic leader of the Jesuits, 1907-1991, said 'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world. ... we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.'

**Weight management and healthy lifestyle.** 6-week course run over 10 weeks to get you into the body you can be comfortable with. €15 per class. Ring 0868203521 for more details and to book