

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 30<sup>th</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
	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.**

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 29<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm & 06<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm

**Mass in Mong** 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm & 27<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries.** **Bea McConville**, Low Street recently deceased. **Brendan Griffin**, Colmcille (7pm Mass); **Mary Ryan**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **Nicholas Evans, Joan King**, Bennettsbridge; **Anna & Joseph Challoner, Mary Doyle**, Friarshill. May they rest in peace

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Larry Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown (Months Mind Mass 7pm) **Nancy Skehan**, 18, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Mary O'Reilly**, Ladywell Street (7pm Mass); **Mary O'Rourke**, Newtown ( Months Mind Mass 11am).

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

**Good Shepherd Centre** Church Gate Collection next weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> July

**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.

If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated

**Cead Mile Failte:** Luke Joseph Morrissey, Hillview; Lorcan Christopher Heafey, Marble Crest, Loughboy; Emily Hayes, Ladyswell Street; Charlie Andrew Glynn, Kilmurry; Mai Elise Shanahan, Berkley Lawns; Alice Rose Ouadouri, Zurich, Switzerland baptised into the family of God recently.

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	Mary McComb	Sr. De Lourdes	Richard Moore
<b>11.00am</b>	Jim Fitzmorris	Seamus Quigley	Rita Doyle

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Danny McPherson	Sr. Anna	Janet Sahaffi
Pat Doherty	Bernadette Bradshaw	Michael O'Brien

**Irish Wheelchair Association:** The recent Church Gate Collection raised €395. Thanks to all who contributed.

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> July in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel 8/9pm. All welcome.

**The World famous American Tapestry Choir** will in collaboration with the Kilkenny Gospel Choir perform at a free concert on Wednesday, July 3rd in the Friary Church at 7.30 pm . All welcome.

**Children's Liturgy** will cease for the Summer months, as kids and adults go on holiday, and will resume in September. A big thank you to the adults who look after the Liturgy. We hope the children find it formative, and of course give parents the opportunity to appropriately take part in the Liturgy downstairs.

**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.

**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.

**A Rally for Life** will be held in Dublin City Centre on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.00pm. Mass at 12.30pm in St Saviours, Dominick Street celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran. Bus leaving Loughboy at 10.30am, due back at 6.00pm. Contact Ron at 6 669 6632. Lifts to Kilkenny from Thomastown and Instiogue can be arranged. Visit [thelifeinstitute.net](http://thelifeinstitute.net) or [rallyforlife.net](http://rallyforlife.net) for more information.

**Senior Citizens Day Trip:** Tuesday 30th July to Croke Park and Dinner. €15 per person (€5 extra for skyline tour) bus leaving at 8.45am. Names to the shop on Thursday or Fridays.

**The Knockadoon Music and Liturgy Course** is now open for booking! Experience a week of music, friendship and community from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of August! More info available on our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter @KnockadoonML or our website [www.knockadoonml.com](http://www.knockadoonml.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 a time. **Towards Peace** provides a spiritual direction service. Up to nine sessions with a specially trained spiritual companion can be made available; there is no fee. **Spiritual direction** offers a safe space to attend to your own spiritual life and sense of the Sacred. It is an ancient practice in many religious traditions. Within the Christian tradition, spiritual direction offers a way to tune into the presence of God's love within your own life. Phone 01 5053028; email [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie) web [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

**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](http://www.mabs.ie) or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761 072610.

***Promises to keep:** Whose woods these are I hardly know/ his house is in the village though; / he will not see me stopping here / to watch his woods fill up with snow. / My little horse must think it queer / to stop without a farmhouse near,/ between the woods and frozen lake / the darkest evening of the year. / He gives his harness bells a shake/ to ask if there is some mistake;/ the only other sound is the sweep/ of easy wind and downy flake./ The woods are lovely, dark and deep,/ but I have promises to keep;/ and miles to go before I sleep/ and miles to go before I sleep. (Robert Frost)*