

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday Vigil Mass Feast of the Assumption of the BVM	07.30pm
	Friday Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass	10.00am
	Thursday Mass Feast of the Assumption of BVM	10.00am

**Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.****Mass in Chapel Hill** 17<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm & 31<sup>st</sup> August at 5.30pm**Mass in Mong** 10<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm & 24<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** John Morrissey, Clossgregg (Months Mind Mass 5.30pm); Annie Lennon, Legan (5.30pm Mass); Bobbie & Annie Power, Grennan View (7pm Mass); Richard Lanigan, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); John Lanigan, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); Paul Stapleton, Legan (11am Mass); Catherine Burke, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); Andrew Deneffe, Jerpoint West (10am Mass Thursday); Rita & Michael Roche, Tom Roche, Declan Fennelly, Oldtown; Anna Power, Smithstown; Eileen Kirwan-Burns, Hounslow, Middlesex, England; John Byrne, Ballylinch. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** Geoghegan Family, Chapel Hill (5.30pm Mass); Sheila Treacy, Ballinamona (Months Mind Mass 7pm).

**Asthma Society of Ireland** – Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August

**Anniversary Masses:** as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months mind remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass. It has become very difficult to accommodate the number of Masses requested on particular weekends. If that doesn't suit, the Mass can be offered at our weekday Masses, Monday to Friday.

**Thomastown Creative Arts Festival, 8-18<sup>th</sup> August.** While Arts Week goes on in Kilkenny, here in Thomastown we have a strong tradition of art and culture too. Be sure to visit some – or better still, all – of the exhibitions taking place.

While availing of the exhibitions, don't forget to visit **the Paddock** overlooking the Quay. This has recently been opened, after much work by Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee. We are indebted to Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee for its work in the area.

*It's not how or when we die that matters, but how we live. We should strive to live fully and intensely, and not wait for illness or disaster to bring home the fleeting nature of human life.*

**St. Mary's Cemetery Mass** Thank you for joining us at the Cemetery Mass. Thanks too to all the people who put things into place for the occasion, and do that quietly, without any fanfare. June Prendergast looks after the decoration of the altar, while John Murphy puts it in place. Breada Kenny, our Sacristan, sees that everything is in place liturgically. Thanks to Billy Davis and John Kenny for looking after the collection. You contributed €3,385. Thanks to Seamus Quigley who gets chairs to the Cemetery. Thanks too to readers, server, choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Frs. Jim Cassin, Tom Norris and Seamus Whelan. Currently Michael Dusty Behan looks after the Cemetery. Thank you. Gratitude is due to you for keeping the graves, and often attending to a neighbouring grave when there is no one to look after it. A sacred space, where the mortal remains of our loved ones rest until that time when the Lord comes again.

**Tommy Spillane Memorial Fund:** The Tommy Spillane Memorial Fund is up and running in the local Community now and, so far, the response has been very good. Tommy was a member of an old Thomastown family who resided in The Mall. Born in 1935 he was an excellent young hurler and from 1946 to 1949 won 3 U14 County Finals out of 4 contested. He went on to have the distinction of captaining the local club to win the first ever U16 Co played in 1951. Like many young lads of his time he emigrated to England in search of work in 1954 but, sadly in less than 2 weeks he was tragically killed in a fall from a scaffolding. His remains were brought home and buried in St Mary's New Cemetery in what is, to this day, an unmarked grave. As an only son to his mother Lizzie, his family have long since all passed on. Some of his existing teammates and old school pals hope to have his grave marked by the erection of a headstone and to this end are appealing for help in the form of a donation, via Joe Dunphy or Tommy Hayes, or by attending a Musical Night in Tim's Bar on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. All help will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Thank you

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**Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer** with Sr. Briege McKenna. Saturday 31st August, Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available from Veritas and online at [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie). Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

**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

**Towards Healing Counselling & Support Services** is available to survivors of Church, Religious and Institutional abuse. The Towards Healing director is Mr Michael Lyons and the service provides lay independent and fully accredited counsellors to support survivors. Towards Healing may be contacted by: Freephone (RoI) 1800 303 416, Mobile number for Hearing Impaired Clients +353 (0) 85-8022859, [towardshealing.ie](http://towardshealing.ie)

**Volunteer with Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre:** 'Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre Kilkenny provides very valuable emotional and practical help to all affected by cancer in our local community' Brian Cody – Patron of Cois Nore. The Centre is currently recruiting new volunteers across a range of roles:

Listening role as part of our drop-in service where people with a diagnosis and their family members can chat in confidence and be signposted to various supports in a relaxed atmosphere away from a clinical setting. Qualified Massage/ Reflexology therapists, Hospitality and cleaning, Social Media. Volunteers normally do one four hour shift a week, and receive training and support for their role. Please contact Dee @ [manager@coisnore.ie](mailto:manager@coisnore.ie), or ph 056-7752222 for more information. Applications due in by Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Training will be the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>.