

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> September**

<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
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass	10.00am

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

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 07<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm & 05<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm

**Mass in Mong** 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm & 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Alice Bolger**, Beechfield Hse, Stoneyford (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Ellen Butler**, Pleberstown; **The Costelloe Family**, Pipe Street; **Jimmy Byrne**, 32, Dangan Terrace; **Ellen Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown; **Jane Walsh**, Ashbourne & London; **Mary Fitzsimons**, 6, Newtown Terrace; **Mary & Peter Challoner**, Smithstown. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend: William & Mary O'Keeffe** (11am Mass); **Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, 4, Castle Avenue (11am Mass).

**Children's Liturgy:** We invite children of school age in the first three years of School to join in the Children's Liturgy each Sunday at 11am Mass, beginning Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – next Sunday. They take the opportunity to get a sense of the Word of God in an age appropriate way.

**First Communions 2020** One of the first things to be thought of when National School opens is First Reconciliation and First Communions for the following year. Parents of second class students in the National school, and others who may have children who would wish to receive the sacraments in 2020 with them, are invited to gather for a talk and some planning, at the National School on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Ms. Maeve Mahon, who, with Fr. Martin Delaney, drew up the Do this in Memory programme, will come to talk to us.

**Liam Coonan RIP** Liam's family lived in Dangan, and whereas he lived most of his life in the US, he and his family spent many summers in Thomastown. Liam died in the US in September 2018. His family have brought his ashes back to Thomastown. We will have Mass for the repose of his soul on Thursday at 11am in the Parish Church and burial of his ashes after Mass.

**The Great South East Simon Supper**, taking place during the month of September, Details as follows: Gather your friends and family for a picnic, a BBQ, a pizza night, a dinner party, or a meal at your favourite restaurant for the Great South East Simon Supper this September. Every bite helps raise vital funds for South East Simon and people who are homeless in the region. Join us in the fight against homelessness: It's very easy to sign up: Simply call Harvey on 085 804 8083, visit [www.southeastsimon.ie/supper](http://www.southeastsimon.ie/supper), or email [supper@southeastsimon.ie](mailto:supper@southeastsimon.ie)

**Computer Classes** - From September Thomastown Library will be aiming to *Get Citizens Online*. We will be offering a **Free Beginner's Computer (tablet) Course**. There will be 5 Classes in total, the first will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and tablets will be provided. Places are limited - if you are interested call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331.

**Opening hours:** Tuesday, Friday 10am/1pm & 2pm/5pm

Wednesday 10am/1pm & 2pm/5pm & 5.30pm/8pm

Thursday closed. Saturday 10am/1.30pm (*closed on Saturday of Bank Holiday weekends*)

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association:** Day Trip Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September to the Irish Agricultural Museum and guided tour of Johnstown House. €20 per person Names to the Senior Citizens Shop on Thursday or Friday.

**The Tommy Spillane headstone** and surround work has now been completed and can be seen on the right-hand side of St. Mary's as you enter the Cemetery. The promoters are very pleased with the finished product and thank all the good people who helped bring this to fruition and hope you are happy with it too. At a suitable date the grave will be blessed, and you will be very welcome to attend. You will be kept posted re date etc.

**Anam Cara Tipperary** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**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, or [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Memory Technology Resource Rooms** are open every Wednesday in St. Columba's Hospital. The Memory Technology Resource Rooms (MTRRS) are run by an Occupational Therapist and showcase a variety of assistive technology equipment. The MTRR is free to attend and provides people with memory difficulties including Dementia, Brain Acquired injuries etc and their carers the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology equipment. The Occupational Therapist will be able to provide the person with memory difficulties or carers with information on devices and strategies that promote independence safety and quality of life.

**Camogie:** As Kilkenny line out to win All Ireland glory from Galway, we wish the girls – and specially our own Anna, Meighan and Eva – all the best on Sunday. The silver is scarce this year, so be sure to bring it home.

**Marrying in Thomastown:** It is advisable for parishioners considering getting married in our Parish Church to make contact in good time to avoid disappointment if the date you choose is already booked.

**Season of Creation, 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019** Please go to the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference – [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) - for information on the Season, and information on where more material can be accessed.

Pope Francis says '*Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God the Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it, and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.*

Pope John Paul II says '*Faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only appropriate attitude.*