

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 22nd September

Parish Church	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
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 05th October at 5.30pm & 19th October at 5.30pm

Mass in Mong 28th September at 5.30pm & 12th October at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Elizabeth Vallely**, Cloughabrody Heights (7pm Mass); **Billy O'Brien**, Friars Hill (7pm Mass); **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill Street (11am Mass); **John Walsh**, Powerswood; **John Doolin**, Mill Street; **John & Catherine Doody**, Colmcille. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Michael Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Church (Month Mind Mass 7pm); **Joan Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); **Nancy Carroll**, Ladywell (11am Mass); **Dorothy Teesdale**, Belmore (10am Mass Tuesday).

Do This In Memory: Enrolement next Sunday 29th September at 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. They take the opportunity to get a sense of the Word of God in an age appropriate way.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone who wishes to contact it.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: reminder day trip this Tuesday 24th September. Bus leaving the community centre at 9:15am

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. It's very easy to sign up: Simply call Harvey on 085 804 8083, visit www.southeastsimon.ie/supper, or email supper@southeastsimon.ie

Family Carers Ireland: Our support group for Parents of Children with Disabilities is being held next Wednesday, 25th September at 10.30am in our Resource Centre at the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

Family Carers Ireland: Kilkenny Carers Support Group meeting will not be held this month. The next group meetup will be at the end of October.

Dates for your 2020 Diary:

First Confession Wednesday 04th March 2020

First Communion Saturday 16th May 2020

Confirmation Sunday 26th April 2020

Cemetery Mass Friday 31st July 2020.

A day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families". Consecrate your families to Our Lady on Saturday, 5th October in Knock Shrine at the 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. Followed by testimony, food and music in the Rest and Care Centre and concludes with a Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. To book your seat on the subsidised bus from Kilkenny city at 8.15am (€10 charge, Booking Essential) please contact Human Life International in Knock on 094 9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

The Seminar in the Spirit continues in the Black Abbey at 7pm every Wednesday until the 23rd of October. Each evening includes Mass and testimonies.

Get Fit Smiling: Orla from Get Fit Smiling is running fitness classes in Thomastown. Couch to 5k running, circuits, strength and conditioning and more. All ages. All levels. Fun & Friendly. Babies/toddlers welcome. Times: 6am, 9.45am and evening classes. From €6. PT also available. Text or WhatsApp 087 3313472 for details or see @Getfitsmiling on FaceBook.

Kilfane Handball Club are running a development fundraising draw to help with the construction of their brand new 40x20 Court where the club are looking forward to playing in the court for the new 40x20 season. 1st prize is a Ride-on Lawn mower valued at €3500 or €3000 in cash. 2nd prize €1000 cash. 3rd prize €500 cash. Tickets are €20 each and can be bought from club members. The draw will take place in the club rooms on Sunday 27th of October. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this huge & exciting development for Kilfane Handball Club. Contact Tom O Keeffe 0876547281 for details.

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants in Thomastown and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own homes. They offer a "earn while you learn" programme for individuals who want to gain a QQI level 5 qualification and earn an income at the same time. Go to their recruitment open day on September 24th in Hotel Kilkenny from 10am to 4pm to discuss current opportunities. Alternatively, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: 'An immigrant family's memories of South Kilkenny who helped shape a modern Ireland'. Speaker: Senator Ivana Bacik. Thursday, 26th September, 2019 8pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

Season of Creation, 1st September – 4th October 2019 Please go to the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference – www.catholicbishops.ie - for information on the Season, and information on where more material can be accessed.

Trocaire recommends ways at home to help protect the environment: 1. Use Freecycle, FreeTrade Ireland, 2. Stop junk mail. 3. Make your own gifts e.g. jam, clothes, arts and crafts etc. 4. Grow your own fruit, vegetables, herbs 5. Stop using disposable plastic water bottles 6. Use a slow cooker- more energy efficient than an oven 7. Avoid take out cups 8. Use an electric shaver rather than disposable blades to reduce waste 9. Use the stairs rather than a lift 10. Enjoy more time in nature 11. Wash laundry at 30°C when possible 12. Campaign with Trócaire for Climate Justice 13. Buy ethical clothing 14. Check up on your own carbon footprint and see where you can make changes 15. Dry your washing outside 16. Walk, cycle, take the bus, tram or train 17. Reduce driving speeds to use less fuel 18. Don't leave electrical appliances on stand-by 19. Use up leftover food 20. Discuss and promote environmental issues with friends and family 21. Buy locally sourced food 22. Reduce overall meat intake and have a weekly meat-free day 23. Volunteer with Trócaire 24. Help FoodCloud (ROI) distribute surplus food from local businesses to people in need 25. Avoid Clingfilm - use a plate to cover bowls of food or a tea towel 26. Boil only the amount of water you need in the kettle.