

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17th November

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/09pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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 16th November 5.30pm.

Mass in Mong 23rd November 5.30pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries: Pat Stapleton, 7, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Michael Furlong**, Cloughabrody Heights (11am Mass); **Maureen Croke**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); **Mary O'Neill**, Station Road; **Sheila Kirby**, Dangan Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Mary Barron, Ballyconway (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Josephine Lannon and her husband Joe**, 34, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Unie Kelly nee Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **Peggy Murphy nee Stapleton**, Oldtown (7pm Mass); **Willie Kavanagh**, Cloughabrody (7pm Mass); **James Lee**, 39, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Patricia Carolan**, Dublin (7pm Mass) **Patrick & Margaret Cullen**, Clossgregg (7pm Mass); **Deceased Members of Thomastown Hurling Clubs** (11am Mass).

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

Collection for Retired Priests of the Diocese next week end.

Do This in Memory Programme next week at 11am

Community Centre: Pat Shortt, Comedian Entertainer is coming to the Community Centre on Saturday 23rd November. Tickets are €28 available from the Centre, O'Keeffes, Day Break & Prendergast Butchers. Show starts at 8pm. Enquiries Seamus at 087 7728170

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: Annual Christmas Dinner at the Ormonde Hotel on Sunday 8th December. Names will be taken at the Shop from Thursday 21st November.

St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area - comprising Thomastown and Inistioge.

So, both parishes will have the new Mass schedule beginning 1st Sunday of Advent 2019, that is 30th November, as follows: **Saturday Vigil Masses will be in Thomastown at 6pm, and in The Rower at 7.30pm. On Sunday Mass will be in Thomastown at 10am and in Inistioge at 11.30am. While there are two priests in the Area and both are available for Masses, there will be Mass in Clodiagh at 9.30am on Sunday, and at St. Columba's Hospital at 11.30am on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, in Chapel Hill on the second Sunday of each month and in Mong on the fourth Sunday of each Month.** All parishioners will join in the Parish Church for Holy Week, Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. It was decided too that from Advent Funeral Masses will be held Monday to Saturday. Please God we will all approach and embrace this new time with openness, courage and hope.

Thomastown Community Cooking Initiative is looking for anyone who would like to cook with us, and someone to volunteer to mind children while we cook. We cook healthy meals to take home for our families at the Community Centre on Friday mornings, 9:45- 12:15. Participants pay only the cost of the ingredients. A childminding volunteer will take home a free cooked dinner. No need to commit to every Friday. Please don't hesitate to contact Nina for more details at 089 – 6165330.

Holy Hour for Vocations: On Sunday 24th November the Feast of Christ the King every Parish in the Diocese is being invited to hold one hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Vocations to Priesthood. In our own Parish the Hour of Adoration will be held on the Feast of Christ the King between 5pm and 6pm in the Parish Church. Please join us for this time of prayer as we ask the Lord to give those called the courage to respond generously & to serve God's People through the ministry of the Ordained Priesthood.

Friends of St. Columba's: Craft and Bake Sale Sunday 24th November after 9.30am Mass St. Columba's Hospital. Come for lots of Christmas present ideas. Enjoy a cup of tea. Tickets on sale for Monster Raffle.

Living Liturgy - An evening for choirs and musicians with Liam Lawton

On Monday 2nd December Fr Liam Lawton will lead a workshop for choirs and musicians in our Diocese. We invite all those who enrich our liturgy with music to come to this evening exploring Advent and Christmas music and more. Starting at 7.30pm in St Kieran's College - all are welcome.

The Word Became Flesh

Training nights for new and existing Ministers of the Word. All new and existing Ministers of the Word are invited to two nights of prayer and reflection on their service to the Word of God. On Wednesday 4th December Fr Jim Murphy will lead all gathered in an evening of prayer on the Word of God and on Wednesday 11th December Fr Billy Swan will explore the theology of our service to the Word of God. Both nights will begin at 7.30pm at St Kieran's College. All are most welcome.

DIocese OF OSSORY SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, WEEKEND OF 23RD/24TH NOVEMBER 2019: Next week-end, 23rd and 24th November 2019 - the Feast of Christ the King – is designated by the Church in Ossory as Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Weekend. During the weekend the Church focuses on the importance of safeguarding children/vulnerable adults of our faith community and the importance of ensuring good safeguarding practice throughout the Diocese. Good Safeguarding practice is a priority in our parishes, our schools and in all sporting and cultural organisations. It is important for all of us who work with children and vulnerable adults to ensure our safeguarding practice is up to date and in line with national requirements. Good safeguarding practice is integral to ministry - it is not an option.

Copies of the *Diocesan Safeguarding Newsletter, Parish Activities, Role of Safeguarding Representative – Cherishing our Children*, will be distributed by the Parish Safeguarding Representatives after Masses next weekend.

Safeguarding Concerns

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

Diocesan Designated Persons

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or

Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330

Garda National Protective Services
01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities

Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow

Kilkenny area 052 617 7302

Laois, Offaly— 044 935 3997

Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:

Brigid Cassin Begley and Ray O'Carroll.

Contact them through the Parish Office.

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Spiritual Support

Service 01 505 3028

www.towardspeace.ie