

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th January 2020

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CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 26th January 2020

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday & Wednesday Mass	09.30am
	Friday Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Monday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel on Monday	10.30/9pm

11.30am Sunday Masses in this parish will take place as follows: -

Mong	26 th January.
St. Columba's	02 nd February
Chapel Hill	09 th February
St. Columba's	16 th February
Mong	23 rd February

In the Pastoral Area Masses are celebrated in The Rower at 7.30pm each Saturday, and in Clodiagh at 9.30am and in Inistioige at 11.30am each Sunday Morning.

Deaths/Anniversaries. **Margaret Galway** (Months Mind Mass 6pm); **Martina Galway** (6pm Mass); **Tom Grace**, 43, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); **Noreen Walsh**, Dangan (6pm Mass); **Catherine Walsh nee Rafferty** (Months Mind Mass 10am); **Francis O'Neill**, Chapel Lane & grandson **Mark** (10.00am Mass); **Anastasia O'Brien**, Mong (11.30am Mass); **Melvin Power**, Norelands; **Michael & Mary Power**, Newtown Terrace; **John & Sarah Maher**, Durrow; **Edward & Annie Cahill**, Smithstown; **Margaret Culleton (nee Cahill)** Smithstown; **Margaret Doolan**, Newtown; **Catherine & Daniel Shanahan**, Pleberstown; **Fr. Leonard & Pat Forristal**, Ballyconway; **Stafia Grace**, Logan Street. May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Finbar Phelan, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Paulette Robb**, Newtown (Months Mind Mass 10am); **Angela Walsh**, Jerpoint Hill (10am Mass); **Tom Lannon**, 33, Dangan Tce.

Do This in Memory Programme this Sunday at 10am Mass.

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club: Church Gate Collection for Search & Recovery Unit this weekend.

Annual Church Gate Collection for Enable Ireland will take place next weekend.

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

06.00pm	Fiona Fitzpatrick	Teresa Cassin	Joe Murphy
10.00am	Majella Morrissey	Seamus Quigley	Marion Fennelly

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

06.00pm	10.00am	11.30am
Alicia Dunphy	Rita Doyle	Sr. Anna
Bobbie Carey	Valerie Cotter	Danny McPherson

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Euphrasia Hannah Byrne, Jerpoint Hill; Alfie Brendan Thomas Griffin, Hillview; Lily Rose and Odhran David O'Sullivan, Friars Hill Mews baptised into the family of God recently.

Blood Donation Clinic – St. Mary's N.S Thomastown Monday 27th January from 5pm to 8.30pm.

St. Mary's National School: Parents/Guardian who wish to enrol children in Junior Infants for September 2020 in St. Mary's National School may do so during **Enrolment Week, Monday, 3rd February to Friday, 7th February.** Prospective parents may bring their children to the school to be enrolled any morning that week between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Enrolment forms are available at the school or through the local preschools. The completed forms must be returned with a Birth Certificate. The school will also require a Baptismal Certificate (if applicable).

Catholic Schools Week, this week, is for honouring the contribution to society that our Catholic schools make. The theme for the week is 'Living in harmony with God's creation'. On Friday St. Mary's acknowledges the contribution that grandparents make to the School and the children when grandparents of third-class pupils come to Mass at 11am and afterwards go to the School to visit their grandchildren's School and classroom.

The Parents of Children with Disabilities: Support Group Meeting is taking place on Wednesday 29th January at 10.30am in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny. Please contact 056 7721424 if you would like more information.

The Cathedral Draw takes place this coming Wednesday. Join the Draw at Reddys Gift Shop, Murphy Victualler at Market Street, the Parish Office, or Fr. Dan.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Title: Hitler's Voices in Ireland. Thursday, 30th January 2020 Speaker: Dr. David O'Donoghue at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church).

Family Carers Ireland are holding their first support group meeting of 2020 on Thursday 30th January at 11am in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny. This is open to all new & current carers.

Community Centre: The Kilquan Players will perform "Love Thy Neighbour" a three Act Comedy written by Jimmy Keary on Saturday 01st February at 8pm. It will be their 27th production. Admission €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170.

Gowran Pantomime Society's New Year's production of *The Little Mermaid*. The curtain will go up in Gowran Parish Hall at 8pm on Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday 19th, Friday 21st, and Saturday 22nd February. Sunday's matinee starts at 3pm. To book your tickets call Claire on 085 2160051.

Mindfulness: 3-week Introduction to Mindfulness course starting Saturday February 1st from 12 to 1 30 pm at Whitefeather Well-Being Centre, Bennettsbridge. Contact Deirdre 086 8551152.

Sunday of the Word of God: Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as a day dedicated to spotlighting the Word of God. Since the second Vatican Council the Church has come to appreciate that we are nourished at two tables, namely the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist. St. Jerome undertook the translation of the Bible into Latin, the language of the day, and on the 1600th anniversary of his death our Church leaders call for a new appreciation of the former. Pope Francis highlights the importance of the Scriptures in the life, worship, and mission of the People of God. During Lent we will seek to promote it in the Pastoral Area with Lectio Divina – a way of reading the Scriptures. Meanwhile, you are invited to read Pope Francis' letter called *Aperuit illis*, and other resources on the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, and a letter from Bishop Farrell on our diocesan website.