

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 23rd February 2020

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday, Ash Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Ash Wednesday Mass	07.30pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sacrament of Reconciliation	05.30pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Monday Mass	10.00am
	Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel on Monday	10.30/9pm
	Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mong	23 rd February
St. Columba's	01 st March
Chapel Hill	08 th March
St. Columba's	15 th March
Mong	22 nd March
St. Columba's	29 th March

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

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Fr. John Lalor**, Curate Thomastown 1978-1987 died recently. **David Power**, Cloughabrody, (Months Mind Mass 6pm), **Billy Woods**, 43 Cloughabrody Heights (6pm Mass), **Padraic Kirwan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Tom & Joe Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth Challoner**, Newtown Terrace (10am Mass); **Catherine O'Byrne**, Jerpoint West. (10am Mass). **Gerard Prentice**, Blessington & Tallaght, (Months Mind Mass 11.30am); **Ned Whelan** (11.30am Mass); **Michael Doyle**, Legan (10am Mass Thursday); **Gregory Hoban**, Clossgregg. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions next weekend: Margaret & Jamie Minogue, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass).

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Seamus Daniel Cassin, Coolroemore; Una Mary Maher, Jerpoint West & Isabella Kaitlyn Waugh McCarthy, The Greens, baptised into the family of God recently.

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

06.00pm	Mary Butler	Helen Comerford	Sheila Swain
10.00am	John Minogue	Alice Challoner	KC Babu

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

06.00pm	10.00am	11.30am
Mary Doyle	Harry Beck	Joe Dunphy
Michael O'Byrne	Sandra Walsh	Margaret Freyne

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: The Diocese will be offering training for people preparing to be commissioned during Lent. Those already trained might like to avail of the talks also. Please consider if you would be involved in this ministry in the Parish. Contact Fr. Dan.

Mother of Fair Love School Collection: On the weekend of Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March. This collection is to help support the important work of this wonderful school in caring for, and educating, its students. Please give as generously as you can.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens: St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner at the Community Centre will be held on Tuesday 17th March. Give names at the Shop on Thursday or Fridays, 9:30-2pm.

Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Bookings for our Pilgrimage, May 17th to 22nd inclusive, can be now made directly with Liz

Molphy, Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 2410800.

Email: info@joewalshstours.ie Anyone wishing to travel as an Assisted/Sick Pilgrim, should contact the Co-ordinator, Anna Corr at 086 0744675. All bookings should be made and paid for before Good Friday, April 10th, 2020. Fare €790 p.p.s.

St Elisabeth Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus was founded in 1999 in the outskirts of Minsk. The sisters of the convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. The convent looks after 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies. There is a charity shelter founded on the farmstead of the Convent located 19 mi from Minsk for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able). A rehabilitation facility for females was established two years ago for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged women. To support and develop these ministries, many workshops and studios operate -these include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, woodcarving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more – to produce beautiful articles. Some Sisters will come to Thomastown for the 10am Mass on Monday 24th February and will make their work available to all afterwards. An ideal opportunity to get some good religious art, whether for your home or as a gift for someone else. Check their website.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Title: Birth of the Border: The Impact of Partition in Ireland on Thursday, 27th February 2020 Speaker: Cormac Moore at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) Admission: €5 (society members free)

Affordable Live-in Homecare If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791. Our website is www.alhomedcare.ie

Conference: Being Christian in this Unprecedented time - To What are we called as Women & Men? will take place on **March 21st, 2020** in St. Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, from 10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided), pay on the door. Booking essential. To book, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

Lent: *'We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters'.* Pope Francis. Think **Trocaire**. The customary Trocaire boxes are available at the Churches. This is the Irish Church reaching out to people less fortunate than we are. A way of exercising some self-denial.

Think **Lectio Divina**. This is a way of receiving and responding to God's word as put before us in the Sunday Gospel. The Pastoral Area will provide a Lectio Divina session each Saturday at 2pm at the Library at St. Colmcille Church in Inistioge.

Check the Diocese of Ossory website for numerous 'offers' from **Adult Faith Development**. Avail of a **Lent Text message** – text your number to the Adult Faith Development group at 0858313100.