

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES this week beginning Sunday 09th December

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Adoration in Mercy Chapel Monday	10/09pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am

Sunday Masses in Chapel Hill & Mong and St. Columba's Hospital for the coming weeks.

Chapel Hill	08 th December at 11.30am
St. Columba's	15 th December at 11.30am
Mass in Mong	22 nd December at 11.30am
St. Columba's	29 th December at 11.30am.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Paddy Conroy**, Mountmellick, died recently, and **Peter Lannon** (Months Mind Mass 6pm); **John McDonald**; Kilvinogue (Months Mind Mass 11.30am); **Sean Ryan**, Bonnybrook (11.30am Mass); **Bernard (Bernie) Stapleton** (6pm Mass); **Dick Forristal, Colmcille** (6pm Mass); **James & Mary McNamara**, Dublin (6pm Mass); **Stephen Ryan, Stoneyford** and his nephew **Stephen Ryan**, Galway (10am Mass); **Sean O'Sullivan**, Burrells Park (10am Mass); **Phyllis Banahan** (10am Mass); **Eileen O'Mahony**, Carrickmourne (10am Mass); **Billy McMahon**, Newtown (10am Mass); **Nancy Walsh**, Jerpont Abbey; **William Mackey**, Logan Street; **William Doyle**, Friars Hill; **James Lawrence**, 10, Noreview Crescent. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Niall Hogan, Ruppia House (10am Mass)

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

Do This in Memory Programme next weekend 10am Mass.

Prepare a way for the Lord: To prepare the way for the Lord, responding to the call of John the Baptist, a Service of Reconciliation will be held at this Saturday evening Mass on 7th December. Several priests will be available. Meanwhile, the Sacrament will be available at 5.20pm, before the Saturday evening Masses and after Sunday Mass when requested.

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

06.00pm	Trish Dempsey	Sheila McDonald	Sr. Bernie
10.00am	Anne Donnelly	Jim Fitzmorris	Rosaleen Garry

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

06.00pm	10.00am	11.30am
Betty O'Connor	Janet Sahaffi	Anna Minogue
David McPherson	Catherine Murphy	Pat Cronin

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: Annual Christmas Dinner at the Ormonde Hotel in Kilkenny on Sunday 8th December. Bus will leave at 12.15pm.

For an **Advent Calendar**, see catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar

The Watergarden's popular Advent Fair takes place Sunday 8th of December, from 12pm until 5pm. This well-established fundraiser for the Watergarden in Thomastown is a wonderful festive occasion for all the family. Come and enjoy the music, fires, hot food, cakes, mulled punch, craft workshops, Christmas trees and over twenty stalls of high-quality handcrafts.

Confirmation Bishop Farrell will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Thomastown on Sunday 26th April – just a few days after schools in the parish open after Easter. Parents / guardians of young people who wish to present themselves for the Sacrament and so confirm the decisions their parents made for them at Baptism are asked to attend a meeting at the National School on Monday 9th December at 7.30pm. If the young person isn't attending St. Mary's National School and would desire to receive the Sacrament, please contact Fr. Dan.

Christmas Mass Times Christmas Eve Masses will be held in The Rower at 7pm and in Thomastown at 9pm. On Christmas Day Mass will be held in the Parish Church at 10am, in Clodiagh at 9.30am, and in Inistioge at 11.30am.

Christmas Day: The traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 12 noon for anyone wishing to have Christmas Dinner in company. Do not be alone this Christmas Day. Drop into the Community Centre and leave your name or contact Seamus 0877728170.

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Thomastown Trackers: Thomastown GAA Healthy Club in conjunction with Operation Transformation are organising 'Thomastown Trackers' to commence on January 11th 2020.

If you along with four friends are interested in making up a group of five and joining this combined fitness and weight loss programme please come along for more information or to register your team to Thomastown Concert Hall on Monday 16th Dec @ 8pm.

The Priory Institute: On Line Advent Retreat. Reflect on the great "O Antiphons" used in Evening Prayer and Mass during the second part of Advent. Watch an online talk each day from December 16th. Register now! enquiries@prioryinstitute.com prioryinstitute.com Phone 01 404 8124.

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

We have the new Mass schedule beginning next weekend 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. There will be Mass in Clodiagh at 9.30am on Sunday, and at St. Columba's Hospital at 11.30am.**

Funeral Masses will be held Monday to Saturday.

All the above may take a while to get used to, as with all change. Meanwhile, the Churches in neighbouring parishes offer a wide choice of times for Masses also. On Saturdays Mass will be held in Stoneyford at 6.30pm, Graignamanagh at 7pm, Ballyhale and The Rower at 7.30pm, and Tullaherin at 8pm.

On Sunday mornings Mass will be held in Dungarvan at 9am, Clodiagh at 9.30am, Bennettsbridge at 10.30am, Graignamanagh and Knocktopher at 11am, and Inistioge at 11.30am.

Envelopes with financial contributions will be returned to the parish of origin.

All great leaders were people of hope. They felt no need to know what the future would look like. They just tried to do what was right in the present, and trusted that God would take care of the future. It was enough for them to know that God is a faithful God.

Cathedral Draw: Monday 16th December