

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

01<sup>st</sup> December 2019

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## CHURCH SERVICES this week beginning Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> December

<b>Parish Church</b>	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
<b>St. Columba's Hospital</b>	Sunday Morning Mass, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	11.30am
	Tuesday Mass	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	02.30pm

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

<b>Chapel Hill</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am</b>
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11.30am</b>

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Pat Higginbotham**, Castle Avenue recently deceased. **Frances White**, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **John Whelan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Treena Caron**, The Quay, Clonmel (10am Mass); **Maura Collins**, Knocknaboola, Stoneyford (10am Mass); **Mick Flynn**, Waterford; **John Challoner**, Bray & Newtown Terrace; **Patrick & Emily Morrissey**, Ladywell; **Emonn Morrissey**, London. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Peter Lannon** (Months Mind Mass 6pm); **John McDonald**; Kilvinogue (Months Mind Mass 11.30am); **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); **Sean Ryan**, Bonnybrook (11.30am Mass)

**Eucharistic Adoration in St. Columba's** on Tuesday night, 8.00 - 9.00pm. All welcome.

**Finance Committee Meeting** Monday 7.30pm

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Wednesday 7.30pm

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Nayte Anthony Grayson Gibbons, Berkley Lawn, Elliott William John Collis, Newtown; Eva Rose Heafey, Maudlin Court, baptised into the family of God recently.

**First Friday:** Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know. If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Often peoples stay in hospital is brief, and a visit may be appreciated.

**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 Saturday evening Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> December. A number of priests will be available. Meanwhile, the Sacrament will be available at 5.20pm, before the Saturday evening Masses and after Sunday Mass when requested.

For an **Advent Calendar**, see [catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar](http://catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar)

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

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association:** Annual Christmas Dinner at the Ormonde Hotel on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Bus will leave at 12.15pm. Names will be taken at the Shop from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Kilfane Handball Club;** A big crowd turned up to see the draw which was overseen by Sergeant Ted Hughes from Thomastown Garda station. 1<sup>st</sup> prize Ride-on lawnmower was won by Brian Hughes Newtown Tce. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize €1000 Richie Hogan Callan. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize € 500 JB Walshe, Jenkinstown. Congratulations to the prize winners. Thank you to everyone who supported the draw.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society:** Night of Reminiscing with Marion Fossett Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 8pm, preceded by food at 6pm. Venue: The Thatch Cottage Cafe, Grannagh, Kilmacow. Advance booking essential

**The Watergarden's popular Advent Fair** will take place Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In honour of Our Lady for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** A day of Holy Spirit filled Healing and Worship with Catholic Evangelist Brendan Walsh on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, Bridge Hotel Waterford 11am- 4.30pm. Admission is free, all are welcome.

**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.

**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.** From next weekend 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.

**Ever thought about Priesthood as a way of life?** Has the thought of being a priest ever occurred to you? Would you like some space & time to find out more about the life of a priest or begin the process of exploring a Vocation to priesthood? If so ... why not join us in St Canice's Parish Centre, Dean Street, Kilkenny on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11 am - 1 pm. Please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director Fr Kieran to register for this event - 086 8272828 or [vocations@ossory.ie](mailto:vocations@ossory.ie)