

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

01st September 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 01st September

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	31 st August at 5.30pm & 07 th September at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	14 th September at 5.30pm & 28 th September at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Jonathan Hynes, Newtown (7pm Mass); **Elizabeth (Betty) Kiely**, Ballydonnell; **Hannah Heafey**, Newtown Tce. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Alice Bolger, Beechfield Hse, Stoneyford (Months Mind Mass 7pm).

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

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

07.00pm	Trish Dempsey	Anne Treacy	Sheila McDonald
11.00am	Majella Morrissey	Ann Donnelly	John Minogue

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Alicia Dunphy	Vera Lanigan	Valerie Cotter
Sr. De Lourdes	Emma O'Keeffe Walsh	Catherine Murphy

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Thomastown Parish Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday night in St Columba's chapel from 8.00 to 9.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Thomastown ARA: Monthly Meetings will resume on Tuesday 3rd September at 3.30pm in the Community Hall. New Members are welcome.

Waterford/S.E. Region Charismatic Conference 2019 – Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th September (10am start both days) in The Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue Tel 051 832242. Speakers – Ross Powell, Fr. John Kane & Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. A powerful weekend of Prayer, Praise Worship & Healing.

Computer Classes - From September Thomastown Library will be aiming to *Get Citizens Online*. We will be offering a **Free Beginner's Computer (tablet) Course**. There will be 5 Classes in total, the first will take place on Tuesday 10th September and tablets will be provided. Places are limited - if you are interested call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331.

Opening hours: Tuesday, Friday 10am/1pm & 2pm/5pm
 Wednesday 10am/1pm & 2pm/5pm & 5.30pm/8pm
 Thursday closed. Saturday 10am/1.30pm (*closed on Saturday of Bank Holiday weekends*)

"March for their lives" on Saturday, September 9th in Belfast City Centre, to stop the imposition of abortion in Northern Ireland. A bus will leave Loughboy Kilkenny at 8am Saturday 7th Sept for Belfast, returning at 9.00 pm. Holy Mass at 1.00 pm in St. Patricks, Donegall Street, 5 minutes' walk from Custom House Square. Baroness Nuala O Loan and Fr. Paddy Mc Cafferty among main speakers. Contact Ron at 0866696632 to book a bus seat and for more information.

Burren Weekend Retreat 13 – 15 September. Come on a guided journey through the Burren. Experience the silence and beauty of this landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the ancient sacred sites. Further information Noirin 087 945 9151 or Mary 087 970 1130.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: Day Trip Tuesday 24th September to the Irish Agricultural Museum and guided tour of Johnstown House. €20 per person Names to the Senior Citizens Shop on Thursday or Friday.

Tommy Spillane Memorial Fund: Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to bring the Tommy (Spellins) Spillane Memorial to fruition, to the various Associations, Companies and Individuals who gave donations, to all who bought or sold tickets for the Musical Night and the many people who attended same. Thanks also to the wonderfully talented people who entertained us on the night in Tims. We are also grateful to those who gave us wide publicity for the venture, The Kilkenny People, KCLR and both Thomastown & Inistioge Parish Bulletins and to all who donated Spot Prizes. Thanks to the wonderful Community spirit shown, we are now in the process of purchasing the Headstone and will keep you posted. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.

The Great South East Simon Supper, taking place during the month of September, Details as follows: Gather your friends and family for a picnic, a BBQ, a pizza night, a dinner party, or a meal at your favourite restaurant for the Great South East Simon Supper this September. Every bite helps raise vital funds for South East Simon and people who are homeless in the region. Join us in the fight against homelessness: It's very easy to sign up: Simply call Harvey on 085 804 8083, visit www.southeastsimon.ie/supper, or email supper@southeastsimon.ie

A Prayer for our Earth All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earths teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.