

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

02<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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## CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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

## 11.30am Sunday Masses in this parish will take place as follow

St. Columba's	02 <sup>nd</sup> February
Chapel Hill	09 <sup>th</sup> February
St. Columba's	16 <sup>th</sup> February
Mong	23 <sup>rd</sup> February

In the 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:** Ger Prentice, David Power and Pat Burke, who died recently, and Finbarr Phelan, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); Paulette Robb, Newtown (Months Mind Mass 10am); Angela Walsh, Jerpoint Hill (10am Mass); Tom Lannon, 33, Dangan Terrace (11.30am Mass); Leonard Teesdale (10am Mass Thursday); Brohna Woods, Newtown Terrace; John Morrissey, Coolroemore; Paula O'Shea, Cloughabrody Heights; Emily Kelly, London; Brigid McDermott, Donegal; Denis Cassin, Coolroebeag; Deceased Members of the Kelly Family, Mill Street; John Kirwan, Donnacha Kirwan & Mary O'Halloran, Goatsbridge. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** Breda Burke, Newtown & Dublin (Months Mind Mass 6pm); Thomas & Margaret Tyrrell, Newtown (6pm Mass); Joe Minogue, 7, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); Teresa Walsh, Low Street (10am Mass); Mary McMahon, Newtown (10am Mass)

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

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

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

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

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

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

**The First Friday of February** comes about this week, and those who can't come to Church will receive Communion at home. Please let us know if someone not already on our First Friday list would like a call next Friday.

**Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club Search & Recovery Unit** is very grateful for such generous contribution to the Church Gate Collection last weekend.

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

**Irish Country Jive:** Starts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7 – 8pm in The Concert Hall, Thomastown. Four Week beginners Course €40. Call Nicola 085 1416953.

**Family Carers Ireland** hold 'the relatives of a loved one with a mental health issue' support group on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7pm in The Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny. All welcome.

**Tusla Fostering Information Event.** Foster Care provides Emergency/Short /Medium/Long Term and Supported Lodgings to children and young people in our communities who require alternative care. If you would like to find out further information about Fostering in your area, please come along and meet some of our team. Venue: Thomastown Library Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 2.00pm -5.00pm

**Next Le Chéile:** Thomastown, in the Community Hall February 8th at 7.30pm. Family friendly gathering, all welcome

**AGM Text Alert:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm, at the Concert Hall.

**General Election 2020** Don't forget to vote on Saturday! The right to vote is a privilege, and a responsibility too.

**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, 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Sunday's matinee starts at 3pm. To book your tickets call Claire on 085 2160051.

**A Church door Collection for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will be held next weekend. This will help to reduce costs for assisted pilgrims and helpers.

## Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Bookings for our Pilgrimage, May 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Fare €790 p.p.s.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of **World Day for Consecrated Life** is held in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

**An International Day of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking** was first held in 2015. Each year around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those involved in trafficking it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world. Through the Day of Prayer – next Saturday - we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.