

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

02nd June 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 02nd June

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

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	01 st June at 5.30pm & 15 th June at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	08 th June at 5.30pm & 22 nd June at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. Sean Kirwan, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan formerly Goatsbridge recently deceased Paul Forristal, Maudlin Court (11am Mass). **Deceased Members O'Leary Family**, Pleberstown; **Patrick Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown; **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount, Stoneyford. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Pat & Maggie Whitty, Mong (5.30pm Mass); **Patrick Lennon, Legan** (5.30pm Mass); **James O'Brien**, Mong (5.30pm Mass); **Jack Lanigan**, Badgerock (7pm Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe Street (11am Mass).

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

07.00pm	Helen Comerford	Anne Lee	Kathleen Gaffney
11.00am	Sharon Bambrick	Jim Fitzmorris	Rosaleen Garry

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Michael Piert	Anna Minogue	Rita Doyle
Bency Babu	Mairead O'Keefe	Valerie Cotter

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

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Niah Bay Walsh, Powerswood; Una Maggie O'Reilly, Oldcourt, Inistioge; Ollie Edward O'Mahony Maudlin Court; Isabella Sarah O'Neill, The Belfry; Ella Grace Barcoe Harris, Ladywell; Sam Robert and Sadie Catriona Kelly, Station Road. baptised into the family of God recently.

Alzheimer's Society Church Gate Collection next weekend 08th/09th June.

A Novena of Prayer for Vocations, from Saturday 1st June to Sunday 9th June. Let's believe that God listens to our prayer as we ask that he bless his people with a new generation of priests and religious. The prayer text is available at the back of the Church.

To help promote Vocations to Priesthood in our Parish communities a **Workshop** will take place on Saturday 15th June at St. Kieran's College, 10am to 1pm. For further information or to register for the Workshop, contact Fr. Kieran O'Shea vocations@ossory.ie or 086 8272828.

Dates for your Diary:

Mass at Colmcille Cemetery will be held on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm.

Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery will be held on Friday 2nd August at 8pm.

Thomastown Active Retirement Association: Will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 4th June in the community centre at 2.30pm.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

The support group for **Relatives of a Loved One with a Mental Health Issues** will meet Wednesday, 5th June at 7pm in the Resource Centre in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

The June Collection, one of the six contributions for the priests of our Parishes is due these times. Fr. Dan appreciates your support. Please get the envelopes back presently, and if you haven't got envelopes, contact the Office or place it with your name and address, in an ordinary envelope.

The Upper Paddock, a biodiversity Community Garden, will be opened Saturday 8th June at 11am.

Fr. Ray Kelly in Concert with Meath Diocesan Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra in St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday 9th June 2019 8pm. in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Admission €20. Tickets available from Parish Offices, St. Mary's Cathedral, Diocesan Office 056 7762448 and online www.ossory.ie

Music in the Liturgy: A workshop for Singers, Choirs, Musicians and all who are interested in music in the liturgy Tuesday 11th June 2019 7.30pm -9.30pm in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Workshop led by Dr John O'Keefe, Director of Sacred Music, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Cost of Workshop, which includes a copy of "Feasts & Seasons 2" (with CD) €15. Booking: afd@ossory.ie or online www.ossory.ie.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 22nd June. Bus leaving Market St. at 7.20am. Please contact Marian on 086-0693510 to secure your seat. Poster at the back of the Church.

Pastoral Areas: Bishop Farrell has formed 13 Pastoral Areas, and grouped Thomastown and Inistioge together, so the two parishes are asked to foster collaboration in the years ahead. Reps from the two Parish Pastoral Councils will meet on Thursday to identify priorities and to address the number of Masses in the Area, with a view to allowing a maximum choice for parishioners to attend Mass in their own Parish. The schedule must also allow a reduced number of priests to cover Masses in neighbouring parishes. The Bishop proposes that the decision about reducing and rescheduling Masses should be finalised before the end of June. The new schedule of Masses is to be introduced across the Diocese on the First Sunday of Advent 2019.

Notification of changes to chaplaincy list protocol at St. Luke's Hospital in Kilkenny: The General Services Manager has informed Bishop Farrell that with the introduction of GDPR legislation, the Hospital will no longer be providing a chaplaincy list on request by a priest. If a patient of the Hospital requests a visit from a priest, they should contact the priest directly. If a priest would like to know the ward location of a patient, they can enquire at the hospital reception desk.