

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> February

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

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

<b>Mass in Chapel Hill</b>	02 <sup>nd</sup> February at 5.45pm 16 <sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	09 <sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> February at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Finbar Phelan**, 10, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Brohna Woods**, 2, Newtown Terrace (11am Mass); **Leonard Teesdale** (10am Mass Thursday); **Ann McFadden** (10am Mass Thursday); **Paddy & Daisy Murphy**, Court House, Logan Street; **Ellen Fitzsimons**, 6, Newtown Terrace; **John Morrissey**, Coolroemore; **Paula O'Shea**, Cloughabrody Heights; **Brigid McDermot**, Donegal; **Emily Kelly**, London; **Mary McMahon**, Newtown; **Catherine & Daniel Shanahan**, Pleberstown. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Joe Minogue**, 7, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Kathleen & Patrick Delahunty**, Mill Street (11am Mass); **John Delahunty**, 35, Newtown Terrace (11am Mass); **Anne McFadden**, Singapore & 28, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); **Harry Beck**, 28, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass); **Andrew Barron**, Ballyconway (9.30am Mass Monday)

**Enable Ireland Church Gate Collection** this weekend.

**Lourdes Invalid Fund** - Annual Collection next weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Wednesday at 7.30pm

**Thomastown A.R.A:** Monthly Meetings will resume on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the Community Hall, Marshes Street.

**Eucharistic Adoration** will be held on Tuesday night from 8.00 - 9.00pm in St Columba's. All welcome to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

**Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group**, Tuesday 5th February 2019, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Drop in and for more information call 056-7771230.

**Thomastown Library, Marshes Street:** hopes to start up an Irish conversation group. If you would like to practise the "cupla focal" you remember from school come along to the library on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm and have a chat. Slan go foill...

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will visit The Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 4.30pm/8pm

**Fiver Friday:** The School of Food pop up restaurant will be open from 12pm - 2pm every Friday serving a delicious lunch! We will also have a take away option available from 11.30am. All dishes €5 or whatever you would like to donate.

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	Anne Lee	Kathleen Gaffney	Mary McComb
<b>11.00am</b>	Jim Fitzmaurice	Tom Brett	Majella Morrissey

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Aleena Benny	Sr. Anna	Chrissie Keating
Sr. De Lourdes	Bernadette Bradshaw	Rita Doyle

**Accord Pre-Marriage Courses:** the next course in Kilkenny is 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March. Contact the Accord website or call 056-7722674.

**Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am - 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email [glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie)

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2019:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

### Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?

GROW is here to help you: Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday @ 8pm Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

**CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE - 'IT'S OK NOT TO FEEL OK; AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY OK TO ASK FOR HELP'** - WILL VISIT KILKENNY SATURDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 2019. BECOME A HOMESTAY HOST - Can you donate a bed for one night? CAS needs your help to accommodate this year's cyclists and crew. If you live within a reasonable distance i.e. 20mile radius from Kilkenny and can offer a bed for 1 night along with a shower/bath facility and a meal we would greatly appreciate it. Feedback from Homestay hosts indicates that this experience has been extremely rewarding, as it allows hosts to lend support in a very tangible way contact: [homestays@cycleagainstsucide.com](mailto:homestays@cycleagainstsucide.com)

**Parish Prayer:** We pray for all in authority: that they may avoid the paths of pride, arrogance and self-seeking and use their positions to promote the common good.

*You Shall be my Witnesses is the parish programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This begins this weekend for the young people who will seek Confirmation this year in Thomastown., with the Enrolment Mass, at our 7pm Saturday Mass. The young people will commit, in preparation for the Sacrament, to take time each day to pray, to participate in the prayer of the community by being at Mass every weekend, to take part fully in the preparation for Confirmation at school, in the parish and at home, and to be the kind of person that Jesus would want them to be at home, at school and in the parish community. Noble aspirations, and how can you help them to be faithful to their commitment?*