

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

06th January 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06th January

Parish Church	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
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	05 th January at 5.45pm & 19 th January at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong	12 th January at 5.45pm & 26 th January at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Noel Dempsey, Bawnskeha (5.45pm Mass); John & Teresa Maher, Ladywell (7pm Mass); Dick & Mary Moore, Colmcille (7pm Mass); Treena Caron nee Nugent, The Quay (Months Mind Mass 11am); Jackie Doyle, Carrickmourne (11am Mass); Tess Donnelly, Danesrath (11am Mass); Eddie Wallace, Jerpoint Abbey; Sandra Brett, Cloughabrody; Deceased Members of the Hoban Family, Bawnskeha; Michael Fitzsimons (Snr) 6, Newtown Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Peig Plunkett nee O'Brien Copenagh (Months Mind 5.45pm Mass); Anastasia O'Brien, Mong (5.45pm Mass); Frances & Patrick Lannon, Station Rd (7pm Mass); Memorial Mass for names on Memorial Tree in Super Valu (7pm Mass).

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Louie William McMahon, Pleberstown and Ryan William Browne, London, baptised into the family of God in the past month.

Ministers of the Eucharist January. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Sr. Anna	Teresa Cassin	Helen Comerford
11.00am	KC Babu	Sharon Bambrick	Carmel Coone

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Alicia Dunphy	Mairead O'Keeffe	Frances Roche
David McPherson	Bernie Egan	Michael O'Brien

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St Columba's Chapel on Tuesday night from 8.00-9.00 pm. All welcome. An opportunity to place the New Year in the heart of Jesus.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Christmas Offerings will be gratefully received. If you haven't an envelope, please put your donation in an ordinary envelope with your name and address. You may find it more convenient to set up a Standing Order using the following information: Account Name: Thomastown Church Parochial Current Account. BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE39BOFI90609911711780.

Review of 2018 Christmas Carol Service: The members of the subcommittee- Majella Morrissey (chair), Bernie Dempsey, Helena Hull, Brideen Kirwan and Sarah Rice - invite parishioners who attended the Carol Service to give feedback of the new format that was trialled. Your feedback will be used to plan for future Carol Services. You can speak to any member of the committee, Fr Dan or email thomastown@ossory.ie with your comments/suggestions.

Thomastown GAA Healthy Club are leading out on the Thomastown Transformation programme commencing on January 9th. This programme will run for 8 weeks and organised walks from the quay car park will be happening every Tuesday and Thursday commencing on Tuesday January 8th at 8pm. 13 leaders from across the community will be leading out on the transformation programme and if interested in following these leaders, check out Thomastown Transformation Facebook page.

Thomastown United are planning to build a full-size Astro pitch at United Park to facilitate training in all weathers. To reach this goal, the Club needs the assistance and support of every club member and from people across the community. To help towards the costs, the Club is organising a major fundraiser, namely a night at the OsKaR's, where club members and other interested actors and directors from the local community can come together and appear in a movie. It really is a fantastic event, so please come along to the information night on 9th January in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm to learn more. Any queries to Jerry Gardner on 087 6637466.

Zumba classes each week in Thomastown: Monday Grennan College Gym at 7.30pm; Tuesday Concert Hall at 10.30am; Thursday Concert Hall at 7:00pm; Saturday Concert Hall at 5:00pm. Also Inistioige Tuesday at Cois Abhann at 7:00pm. Pay as you go €7 for adults. Bring water.

Happy New Year!! As you can see from above, 2019 sets out with a bang. We will all be super-fit! I wish you every blessing as we conclude the 12 Days of Christmas, and all good wishes for 2019. Please God into 2019 we will not only be fit but also recognize the ways we are blest by God and in turn be a blessing for our families, friends, neighbours and the wider parish. On this feast of the Epiphany, we each ought to be a gift to others. 2019 will be a challenging year in the Diocese as Bishop Farrell seeks to lead us in changing times.

I take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all who have played a part in making life better for others during 2018. Thanks for proving yourself a good neighbour. Think of the great variety of individuals, institutions and organisations throughout the Parish. I think of the various Church groups, the Sisters living among us, the Parish Council, where Sarah Rice steps down as Chairperson with Bernie Dempsey succeeding her, and of the Parish Finance Committee, whose Chairperson is Fionnula Taylor, succeeding Joe Doyle, who likewise guided the group for a few years. I think too of the Vincent de Paul Society, and many more. Thanks too to the staff and Board of Management of our Parish School. Thanks to all who serve in our Churches – sacristans, choirs, musicians, servers, collectors, readers, Eucharistic ministers, children's liturgy leaders, 'do this in memory' leaders, and 'You shall be my witnesses' leaders, co-ordinators of adoration at the Mercy Chapel, cleaners, florists, and many more. Thanks to envelope distributors and money counters. Thanks to the Community Scheme workers at the Church grounds and Cemetery and to Paddy Daly who looks after the shrubs at the Church.. We've been blest having Mgr. Jim Cassin live among us, and Fr. Tom Norris on his breaks from Rome. Thanks to Anne, and to Deirdre who resumes work this week at the Parish Office. The mind travels to sports and culture, not forgetting the Community Centre. You all make a difference. Thank you!!

I remember you in my prayers. One of my duties as Parish Priest is to offer Mass for all the people of the parish each weekend – that's you!

Fr. Dan Bollard.