

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

06th October 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06th October 2019

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

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	05 th October at 5.30pm & 19 th October at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	12 th October at 5.30pm & 26 th October at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: John O'Shea, Berkley Lawns and Michael Manning, Dublin and formerly Kilmurry died recently, and Kathleen Finan, Kilmurry (7pm Mass); Johnny Byrne, 12, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Larry Stapleton, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); Jack Collins, Inistioge (7pm Mass); Michael Dunne, 25, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); Mairead O'Hara, Jackstown (11am Mass); Bishop Laurence Forristal, Noel O'Reilly, Kilkenny Road, Thomastown; Bridie & Jack Burris, Dangan Terrace; Michael Quinn, Bohilla. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Elizabeth Walsh, Kilmurry (7pm Mass); Maura Byrne, Carrickmourne.

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

07.00pm	Mary Butler	Nollaig Forristal	Sheila Swain
11.00am	Marion Fennelly	K C Babu	Carmel Coone

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Michael Piert	Joe Dunphy	Tom Brett
Aleena Benny	Margaret Freyne	Alice Challoner

Bishop Farrell will celebrate the First Anniversary Mass for Bishop Laurence Forristal on Sunday, 6th October 2019, in St. Mary's Cathedral, at 5.30 p.m. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

Adoration: What is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? We have had it in the parish for many years, and at Masses on the weekend of 26th/27th October we will have a speaker to encourage a renewal of it.

October Stations A reminder – please make your contribution for the October Stations, one of the six collections for the support of the priest in our Parish. If you haven't received an envelope, contact the Office, or put it in an ordinary envelope with your name and address on it. Put your envelope in one of the boxes inside the Church door.

New Offertory Collection Bags: The Diocesan Finance Committee requests that offertory collections be placed in tamper proof bags, so next weekend we will use bags, rather than plates.

Thomastown Parish Council meets next Wednesday in Parish Office at 7.30pm.

Parish Records: We are looking for a parishioner who would be interested in genealogy to volunteer to create a spreadsheet of Baptism and Marriage records of the parish from 1910 to 1960s. We often receive requests from families that have left Thomastown and would like to research their roots. The ideal person would have a good knowledge of Thomastown and the surrounding areas and be computer literate.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There will be a public Rosary in Inistioge Church at 3 o'clock on October 7th 2019, in conjunction with the Rosary on the Coast which will be held throughout Ireland on the 13th October. Visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie for locations. Please come and join us, all welcome. **There will be a Public Rosary in Inistioge Square** on the 14th October at 3 o'clock in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Tidy Towns: A Meeting to discuss the relaunch of Thomastown Tidy Town will take place this Wednesday the 9th October at 7pm. Venue Thomastown Community Centre. All are welcome. Enquiries 087 7728170.

Chair Based Exercise Programme for older adults 10.30am – 11.15am at Thomastown Community Centre commencing Wednesday 9th October. £25 for 8 weeks. See Poster at back of Church.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 15th October at 7:00pm in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 14th October or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Into the Breach Catholic Men's Conference: November 2nd 2019 at Emmaus Centre. Guest Speakers Fr Conor McDonough OP, Tony Foy, Mike Shortt, Fr Pat Cahill and Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore will be joining us.

'Day for Life' is celebrated each year across the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This Sunday, 6 October, we mark 'Day for Life' in parishes throughout Ireland. This year's message addresses the Church's response to the scourge of domestic abuse. One in four women and about one in six men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. Such violence is an offence against the dignity of the human person.

Pope Francis highlighted domestic abuse in his 2016 Papal Encyclical, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love, On Love in the Family)*: "Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union" [n. 54]. These words are a call to action in our parishes, schools and Catholic communities so as to reflect, learn and act together to help those suffering from domestic abuse. Knowing what to look for, and spotting the signs, can make a real difference to people's lives. To find out more about what can be done please see www.dayforlife.org or www.catholicbishops.ie.

Parish Office will be open on Tuesday only this week due to holidays.