

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/09pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
<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>	16 <sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm.
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	09 <sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm & 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 5.30pm.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** John McDonald, Kilvinogue, and Peter Lannon, Newtown, died recently, and Liam Burke, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 7pm); Alice O'Keefe, Smithstown (9.30am Mass); Josie Beck, 28, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind Mass 11am); Bessie Delaney, Pipe Street (11am Mass); Mick Dack. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** Pat Stapleton, 7, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** holds its Church Door Collection next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the Society is **086 2664669** for anyone in need.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – 'Time with Jesus' will take place weekly in the Mercy Chapel from 10am to 9pm starting on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call in at any time even for a few minutes. A few more volunteers are needed for the afternoon hours on the Rota: if you think you could commit to one hour per week please contact Marian at 086-0693510.

Please return **November Offerings** – towards the income of the priest - one of these days!

**Accord Kilkenny** are running a pre-marriage course on the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Seville Lodge, Callan Road, Kilkenny. Time of the course is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm to 10.00pm and on Saturday from 10.00am to 5.30pm. Please book on the web site [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and go to the Kilkenny section.

**St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area** - comprising Thomastown and Inistioge.

So, both parishes will have the new Mass schedule beginning 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 2019, that is 30<sup>th</sup> November, as follows: **Saturday Vigil Masses will be in Thomastown at 6pm, and in The Rower at 7.30pm. On Sunday Mass will be in Thomastown at 10am and in Inistioge at 11.30am. While there are two priests in the Area and both are available for Masses, there will be Mass in Clodiagh at 9.30am on Sunday, and at St. Columba's Hospital at 11.30am on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, in Chapel Hill on the second Sunday of each month and in Mong on the fourth Sunday of each Month.** All parishioners will join in the Parish Church for Holy Week, Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. It was decided too that from Advent Funeral Masses will be held Monday to Saturday. Please God we will all approach and embrace this new time with openness, courage and hope.

**Taizé Youth Programme 2020:** A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. 30 young people from Kilkenny, made the trip to Taizé this year. The programme, which runs from December 2019 to July 2020 is open to Transition year, 5<sup>th</sup> year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. For additional information, including cost, and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or [pbookle@ossoryyouth.com](mailto:pbookle@ossoryyouth.com)

**Attention Over 55's:** Under the Thomastown Age Friendly Action Plan 2019, Kilkenny Carlow Education Training Board are offering to host free courses in Thomastown and the surrounding areas. For more information drop into the **Thomastown Community Centre on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am – 12.00 noon** to meet Siobhan O'Brien Community Education Facilitator with ETB. A wide range of courses are available to suit all.

**Polio Survivors Ireland** plans for a new **National Polio Register**. People who had polio are asked to sign up to the National Polio Register. The Register is being launched in Co Kilkenny this November, and parishioners are asked to help promote and support the Polio Register and also relay this information to polio survivors and their families. Contact Emma 01 889 8920 or [info@ppsg.ie](mailto:info@ppsg.ie) Our website is [www.polio.ie](http://www.polio.ie) for further information.

**Community Centre:** Pat Shortt, Comedian Entertainer is coming to the Community Centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Tickets are €28 available from the Centre, O'Keeffes, Day Break & Prendergast Butchers. Show starts at 8pm. Enquiries Seamus at 087 7728170

**Anam Cara Tipperary**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888888.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service Clinic** – Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30pm -8pm.

**The School of Food** holds its annual Market Day on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00pm – 3.30pm approx. The Trainee Chefs will have their own personally prepared products available also along with also some Christmas cheer.

**Could you offer a short break to a person with a disability?** Home Share is a family-based respite service being developed in the South East. An allowance as well as ongoing training and support are provided to host families. Home Next training date 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. For More information contact: 086 0148212.

**Towards Healing Counselling & Support Services** is available to survivors of Church, Religious and Institutional abuse. The Towards Healing director is Mr Michael Lyons and the service provides lay independent and fully accredited counsellors to support survivors. Towards Healing may be contacted by: Freephone (RoI) 1800 303 416, Mobile number for Hearing Impaired Clients +353 (0) 85-8022859. Website: [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**MABS:** The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services. For more information contact MABS on: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie) or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761 072610.