

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14th July

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 off for the Summer	
	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 20th July at 5.30pm & 03rd August at 5.30pm

Mass in Mong 13th July at 5.30pm & 27th July at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. **John Morrissey**, Clossgregg recently deceased. **Geraldine Forristal**, (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **John Comerford**, Burrellspark; **William Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown.; **Ann Donnelly**, Jerpoint Church. May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Joseph (Joe) Challoner**, Cloughabrody (5.30pm Mass); **Maria Hoban**, Bawnskeha (5.30pm Mass); **Kathleen, William & Eamonn Barron**, Bawnskeha (7pm Mass); **Edward & Catherine Cotterell**, Brownsbarn (7pm Mass); **Reid Family**, Knockard **Jim Reid**, London formerly Knockard & **Joe Reid**, Knockard (11am Mass); **Patrick & Mary Thorpe**, Allen, Co. Kildare.

Annual Collection for Holy Father this weekend.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society sincerely thanks everyone who contributed to our recent collection for the education of Irish & Foreign Students for Priesthood. A total of €679.85 was raised. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 15th July to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island takes place on Sunday July 28th, bus leaving the Quay car park at 12.00 noon: to book your seat please contact Marian at 086-0693510. Poster at the back of the Church.

Cemetery Masses will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery on Friday 2nd August at 8pm, and at the Cemetery at St. Columba's Hospital on Thursday 8th August at 10am.

Invitation to sing at the Cemetery Mass in Thomastown: The Cemetery Mass in Thomastown will be held on Friday 2nd August at 8pm. People from all choirs and others who wish to sing at the Mass are invited to a practice on Thursday 1st August at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Brideen Kirwan will lead the choir this year. Most people will know the hymns that are being sung. All are welcome.

The Priory Institute: Study Theology Online. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Flexible accessible Courses. Register now for Autumn 2019. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com website www.prioryinstitute.com

Get your child's car seat checked for FREE. at Caulfield's SuperValu, Loughboy Shopping Centre, Loughboy Kilkenny on Tuesday 23 July 2019. Log on to www.checkitfits.ie to see when Check it Fits is in your area.

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No 13218) on Friday July 19th. Bags can be left that day up to 5pm at the Church Car Park. All wearable clothing, footwear, bed sheets, curtains etc most welcome. Sadly, we cannot accept duvets, pillows or cushions. To view a short film which captures the joy of what you so generously supported last year please visit 'Rajiv 19' on YouTube. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087 9073074

The South Kilkenny Historical Society will join local and others on Sunday July 14th (Fraochán Sunday) on the summit of Tory Hill. Meeting time and place is 1.45pm at the church car park, Mullinavat. All welcome. Climbing Tory Hill on Fraochán Sunday is an ancient tradition, dating back many centuries and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughnasa.

The Pastoral Area comprising Thomastown and Inistioge will take as its patron St. Colmcille. That is appropriate because of the local ties with the Saint – the parish Church in Inistioge is dedicated to him, and we have a townland called after him. Going into this new time there will be lessons to be learnt from his life.

Members of the two Parish Councils have formed a Pastoral Area Council.

One of the first, and most difficult, tasks addressed at the meetings was the number of Masses in the area, based on the number of priests and the desire for a better quality of liturgy with fewer Masses Bishop Farrell listed several principles to be considered.

- No priest ought to be celebrating three Masses on a Sunday and no priest should celebrate two vigil Masses as his normal commitment.

- Every effort ought to be made to arrange Mass times to facilitate assistance between the priests of Thomastown and Inistioge. So, holidays and sick leave ought to be considered **when**

- The starting times for Masses ought to be at least 90 minutes apart.

- Planning ought to look to the future – 2025 or thereabouts – rather than short term.

- Applying those principles, new Mass schedules will apply throughout the Diocese at Advent.

Following those principles, both parishes will have a reduced Mass schedule beginning 1st Sunday of Advent 2019, that is 1st December, 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 Sunday, and at St. Columba's Hospital at 11.30am. Masses in Mong and Chapel Hill will be held midweek, at a time to be agreed with the local communities.

It was decided too that from Advent Sunday Funeral Masses won't be held in the Area.

These new arrangements have been agreed by the Parish Pastoral Council.

It is appreciated that these changes will cause upset, sometimes anger, and a lot of getting used to. Please God we will all approach and embrace this new time with openness, courage and hope.

Hospital visits: Please let Fr. Dan know if someone in Hospital might like a visit. Hospital data protection regulations, personal preference, brevity of time in Hospital and lack of information make it more difficult nowadays to know if someone is in Hospital. If the time is short, he will be happy to call to the homes of former patients.

Senior Citizens Day Trip: Tuesday 30th July to Croke Park and Dinner. €15 per person (€5 extra for skyline tour) bus leaving at 8.45am. Names to the shop on Thursday or Fridays.