

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th September 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15th September

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	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 October at 5.30pm & 19 th October at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	14 th September at 5.30pm & 28 th September at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **John Costelloe**, Galway (9.30am Mass); **William & Mary O'Keeffe** (11am Mass); **Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, 4, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); **Lawrence Holden**, Knockbrack; **Elizabeth Doolan**, Mill Street. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Elizabeth Vallely**, Cloughabrody Heights (7pm Mass); **Billy O'Brien**, Friars Hill (7pm Mass); **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill Street (11am Mass)

Children's Liturgy: We invite children of school age in the first three years of School to join in the Children's Liturgy each Sunday at 11am Mass, beginning this Sunday. They take the opportunity to get a sense of the Word of God in an age appropriate way.

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection next weekend 21st/22nd September. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone who wishes to contact it.

Congratulations to Sister Sheila Sheehy, who celebrates her Golden Jubilee as a Presentation Sister with a well-earned break with her family at Blessington. Sister Sheila has worked in Zambia for the last 34 years, having previously served in England.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association AGM will be on Wednesday 18th September at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: Day Trip Tuesday 24th September to the Irish Agricultural Museum and guided tour of Johnstown House. €20 per person Names to the Senior Citizens Shop on Thursday or Friday.

The Great South East Simon Supper, taking place during the month of September, Details as follows: Gather your friends and family for a picnic, a BBQ, a pizza night, a dinner party, or a meal at your favourite restaurant for the Great South East Simon Supper this September. Every bite helps raise vital funds for South East Simon and people who are homeless in the region. Join us in the fight against homelessness: It's very easy to sign up: Simply call Harvey on 085 804 8083, visit www.southeastsimon.ie/supper, or email supper@southeastsimon.ie

Dates for your 2020 Diary:

First Confession	Wednesday 04 th March 2020
First Communion	Saturday 16 th May 2020
Confirmation	Sunday 26 th April 2020
Cemetery Mass	Friday 31 st July 2020.

Pro Life Campaign would like to thank all who contributed to last week's church gate collection. A total of €420 was collected. Many thanks.

The Tommy Spillane headstone and surround work has now been completed and can be seen on the right-hand side of St. Mary's as you enter the Cemetery. The promoters are very pleased with the finished product and thank all the good people who helped bring this to fruition and hope you are happy with it too. At a suitable date the grave will be blessed, and you will be very welcome to attend. You will be kept posted re date etc.

Anam Cara Tipperary the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 16th September at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Marrying in Thomastown: It is advisable for parishioners considering getting married in our Parish Church to make contact in good time to avoid disappointment if the date you choose is already booked.

Season of Creation, 1st September – 4th October 2019 Please go to the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference – www.catholicbishops.ie - for information on the Season, and information on where more material can be accessed.

The Seminar in the Spirit takes place in the Black Abbey at 7pm every Wednesday until the 23rd of October. Have you been baptised in the Spirit? This may be an opportunity for a new experience of being touched by Grace. Each evening includes Mass and testimonies.

Kilfane Handball Club are running a development fundraising draw to help with the construction of their brand new 40x20 Court where the club are looking forward to playing in the court for the new 40x20 season.

1st prize is a Ride-on Lawn mower valued at €3500 or €3000 in cash.

2nd prize €1000 cash.

3rd prize €500 cash.

Tickets are €20 each and can be bought from club members. The draw will take place in the club rooms on Sunday 27th of October. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this huge & exciting development for Kilfane Handball Club. Contact Tom O'Keeffe 0876547281 for details.

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants in Thomastown and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own homes. They offer a "earn while you learn" programme for individuals who want to gain a QQI level 5 qualification and earn an income at the same time. Go to their recruitment open day on September 24th in Hotel Kilkenny from 10am to 4pm to discuss current opportunities. Alternatively, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.

The parable of the good shepherd tells us three amazing things about God's love for us. First, God's love is personal. He doesn't love us globally, but individually. Second, God's love is unconditional. He doesn't love us only on the condition that we stay good and do not stray into sin. God loves us even when we stray, and to the extent of even going in search of us. Finally, God's love is a rejoicing love. God's response upon finding us is joy – with no mixture of rebuke.