

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES THESE WEEKS, beginning Sunday 19th January 2020

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Monday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Adoration in St. Columba's Hospital Chapel	10.30/9pm

11.30am Sunday Masses in this parish will take place as follows: -

St. Columba's	19 th January
Mong	26 th January.
St. Columba's	02 nd February
Chapel Hill	09 th February

In the Pastoral Area Masses are celebrated in The Rower at 7.30pm each Saturday, and in Clodiagh at 9.30am and in Inistioge at 11.30am each Sunday Morning.

Deaths/Anniversaries. Julie Stapleton (6pm Mass); Mary Stapleton & Deceased Members of Stapleton Family, Maudlin Street (6pm Mass); Walter Walsh (6pm); John Hindle (6pm Mass); Brigid Monahan & J P Monahan, Dangan Terrace (10am Mass); Marie & Michael Kearney, Oldtown; Patrick (Pa) Kelly, 42, Newtown Terrace; Jim Delaney, Newtown Terrace; Nancy Piert, Ladywell, Michael and Ellen Fitzsimons, Newtown Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Margaret Galway (Months Mind Mass 6pm); Martina Galway (6pm Mass); Tom Grace, 43, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); Noreen Walsh, Dangan (6pm Mass); Francis O'Neill, Chapel Lane & grandson Mark (10.00am Mass)

Do This in Memory Programme next Sunday 26th January at 10am Mass.

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

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

06.00pm	Sr. Anna	Anne Treacy	Richard Moore
10.00am	Sharon Bambrick	Rita Doyle	Tom Walsh

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

06.00pm	10.00am	11.30am
Sr. De Lourdes	Noirin Fitzgerald	Michael O'Brien
Pat Doherty	Joan McElwee	Vera Lanigan

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club: Church Gate Collection for Search & Recovery Unit next weekend 25th/26th January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Each year these days, 18th – 25th January, are dedicated to praying for Christian unity. This year the Churches of Malta and Gozo have chosen as the theme 'They showed us unusual kindness', a reference to the hospitality St. Paul got when he was shipwrecked there on his way to Rome (Acts 27 and 28). This is a good time for all the followers of Jesus to show kindness to those in the broader Christian family. See www.ctbi.org.uk/goanddo

Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Bookings for our Pilgrimage, May 17th to 22nd inclusive, can be now made directly with Liz Molphy, Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 2410800.

Email: info@joewalshstours.ie Anyone wishing to travel as an Assisted/Sick Pilgrim, should contact the Co-ordinator, Anna Corr at 086 0744675. All bookings should be made and paid for before Good Friday, April 10th, 2020. Fare €790 p.p.s.

Lost: A set of Keys on Tuesday 17th December night of Carol Service in the Parish Church. Any information please contact the Parish Office.

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 20th January at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This event is 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 or 085 2888888

St. Mary's National School: Parents/Guardian who wish to enrol children in Junior Infants for September 2020 in St. Mary's National School may do so during **Enrolment Week, Monday, 3rd February to Friday, 7th February.** Prospective parents may bring their children to the school to be enrolled any morning that week between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Enrolment forms are available at the school or through the local preschools. The completed forms must be returned with a Birth Certificate. The school will also require a Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)

Study Theology Online. Attend Saturday Lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Spring 2020. Check the website - priorityinstitute.com Email is enquiries@priorityinstitute.com Call 01 404 8124. Launch Day is 8th February and the cut-off date for registrations is 4th February.

Community Centre: The Kilquane Players will perform "Love Thy Neighbour" a three Act Comedy written by Jimmy Keary on Saturday 01st February at 8pm. It will be their 27th production. Admission €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170

Whistle blowing: The Diocese has a policy regarding whistleblowing. The term is used to describe the action of someone who reveals/discloses wrongdoing within an organization to the public or to those in positions of authority. It enables them to report concerns in a way that will not be disloyal to their settings and colleagues Although this can be difficult to do, it is particularly important where the welfare of children may be at risk. Please check the Diocesan website regarding the Policy or read the statement at the back of the Church.

The vision of **Towards Peace** is to provide a safe supportive space where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace one step at a time. **Towards Peace** provides a spiritual direction service. Up to nine sessions with a specially trained spiritual companion can be made available; there is no fee. **Spiritual direction** offers a safe space to attend to your own spiritual life and sense of the Sacred. It is an ancient practice in many religious traditions. Within the Christian tradition, spiritual direction offers a way to tune into the presence of God's love within your own life. Phone 01 5053028; email towardspeace@iecon.ie web www.towardspeace.ie