

## THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<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>	18 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm & 01 <sup>st</sup> June at 5.30pm
<b>Mass in Mong</b>	08 <sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm & 22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Michael Roche**, Gerah, Farranfore, Co. Kerry (7pm Mass); **Edward (Ned) Dack**, 26, Castle Avenue (7pm Mass); **Joe Murray**, 41, Castle Avenue (09.30am Mass); **Martin Morrissey**, Station Road (Months Mind Mass 11am); **Ellen Roche**, Jerpont Church (9.30am Mass Friday); **Jack Lanigan**, Badgerock; **Margaret (Peggy) Phelan** nee Millea, Boher; **Billy Keating**, Ballydonnell; **Maureen Hennessy (nee Meegan)**, London & Ballyduff; **Alicia Hughes**, 31, Castle Avenue. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Patsy Bolger**, Castle Avenue (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Siobhan Stapleton**, Kilfane (7pm Mass); **Colin, Martin and Breda O'Neill**, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Niall Walsh**, Station Road (11am Mass); **James & Bee O'Mahony**, Station Road (11am Mass).

**Lourdes Church Gate Collection** takes place this weekend 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in aid of Grennan College Lourdes Fund. Please support the six students from the Parish who will travel to Lourdes. Transition Year Students from throughout the Diocese will travel to help the assisted pilgrims. A box is placed in the Parish Church until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> for your petitions which the local students will bring with them to Lourdes.

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

May is referred to as **the Month of Our Lady**.

**Rosary Beads** are available near the statue of Mary. Give your family members a Rosary, and pray the Rosary, or even one decade, each day during this month. Please place €1 in the box for donations for candles for each Rosary.

This is a time to be in unity with the pilgrims from the Diocese in Lourdes.

As we pray a decade of the Rosary, consider it as though Mary were opening a photograph album and sharing with us some event in the life of her Son. We reflect on the 'mystery' and then recite the decade – Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and the Glory be.....

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life ending with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

**Thomastown Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

### Children of St. Mary's National School receiving First Holy Communion 2019

Aoife Bambrick, Mikey Barron, Amelia Begley, Harry Begley, Patrycja Blaszczyk, Zoë Brandon, Mia Brennan, Georgia Callery, Catalina Carlin, Meabh Cassin, Seán Collins, Ava Connolly, Lily Cullen, Katie Davis, Fionn Dempsey, James Denieffe, Shauna Doherty, Ava Dollard, George Doody, Lucy Dunne, Esmé Dunne, Dylan Fergie, Danny Gaine, Jamie Haughney, Daniel Holohan-White, Alicia Hughes, Noah Hughes, Adrian Lanigan, Tom Lawler, Roksana Lubowicz, Emma Manning, Leah Mason, Sophia McCabe, Daniel Mongan, Conor Muldoon, Conor Murphy, Evie Murphy, Aleah Murray, Hannah O'Reilly, Isla Ridout, Ruby Ridout, Daragh Ryan, Lisa Ryan, Alex Ryan-Kirwan, Alan Salamon, Ewa Santy, Patrick Sheridan, Kasia Szymborska, Caoimhe Tallis, Harry Thomas, Laura Tiffert, Sophie Vallely, Katie Walshe, Lauren Wemyss.

**Year of the Hiker:** John B Keane's Play being performed on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8.15pm in the Concert Hall, by the Big Three Players from Bagenalstown. Proceeds from the Raffle will go to the students of Grennan College travelling to Lourdes. Enquiries to Seamus at 087 7728170.

**Thomastown GAA Healthy Club** are hosting the rescheduled fashion show in the Community Hall on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. All original fashion show tickets are valid and in the event of rescheduled date not suiting ticket holders a full refund is available up until Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact 0858110272 for refunds. Proceeds will be used to support health and wellbeing activities in the community. A donation will also be given to the Day hospital in St Columba's and the Alzheimer Society. Please do come along and support, it promises to be a night full of fun and fashion with lots of prizes. Tickets are €15 and are available in O'Keffee's

The **Kilkenny Branch of Arthritis Ireland** hosts a talk from a professional who in some way can provide tools to help in pain management. Mary Hayden will speak about acupuncture and how it can help the body and chronic pain on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Ossory Park Centre in Kilkenny, This is a FREE event but registration is needed. Call/text 0871491767 to book a place.

**Rothe House & Garden**, Parliament Street, Kilkenny holds a plant sale on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 2pm. A tour of the restored Tudor garden will also take place at 2pm with resident gardener Mary Pyke. Both events are admission free and all are warmly welcome to attend.

**Fr. Ray Kelly in Concert** with Meath Diocesan Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra in St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 8pm. in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Admission €20. Tickets available from Parish Offices, St. Mary's Cathedral, Diocesan Office 056 7762448 and online [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

**Music in the Liturgy:** A workshop for Singers, Choirs, Musicians and all who are interested in music in the liturgy Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 7.30pm -9.30pm in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Workshop led by Dr John O'Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Cost of Workshop, which includes a copy of "Feasts & Seasons 2" (with CD) €15. Booking: [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) or online [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie).

**Pastoral Areas:** Following consultation with the 42 Parishes throughout the Diocese during Lent, Bishop Farrell has formed 13 Pastoral Areas, and grouped Thomastown and Inistioge together, so the two parishes are asked to foster collaboration in the years ahead. Reps from the two Parish Pastoral Councils will meet to identify priorities for the Pastoral Area, and to address the number of Masses in the Area, with a view to allowing a maximum choice for parishioners to attend Mass in their own Parish. The schedule must also allow a reduced number of priests to cover Masses in neighbouring parishes. The Bishop proposes that the decision about reducing and rescheduling Masses should be finalised before the end of June. The new schedule of Masses is to be introduced across the Diocese on the First Sunday of Advent 2019.