

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th October 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20th October 2019

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	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 19th October at 5.30pm & 02nd November at 5.30pm

Mass in Mong 26th October at 5.30pm & 09th November at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Micheál Bookle, Newtown (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Michael Conlon**, Legan (7pm Mass); **Kitty Holohan**, Oldtown (9.30am Mass), **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (11am Mass); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass), **Kathleen Denieffe**, Newtown (11am Mass); **Peter Fitzsimons**, 6, Newtown Terrace; **Mario Sherlock**, Brownsbarn. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway (7pm Mass); **Deceased Members Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens** (7pm Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin Street (9.30am Mass); **Charles, Stephen, Phyllis Behan & All The Behan Family** (11am Mass)

Mission Month: This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. We will hold a collection to support overseas missionaries, many of whom work in some of the world's most improvised communities. Go to www.wmi.ie to learn more about World Mission Ireland.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will join with Parish Adoration on Monday 21st October to pray for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life with Rosary at 8pm. All welcome, please join us.

Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is spreading to many parishes in this Diocese of Ossory. Someone told the Cure of Ars that before the Blessed Sacrament, he looked at Jesus and Jesus looked at him. Real prayer!! That is what Adoration is all about. Someone will come to speak with us at Masses in two weeks' time.

October Stations A reminder – please make your contribution for the October Stations, one of the six collections for the support of the priest in our Parish.

Ministers of the Word: Mass times are due to change at the beginning of Advent. Due to the changes it will be necessary to hold a Meeting of all Readers of the Word to draw up a new rota to suit Reader's needs. **This Meeting will take place Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30pm in Church.** Very grateful for the present readers, this is a great time to invite new people to proclaim God's Word in Church. So, new people, please consider making yourself available to read, and come to the meeting also. Contact Joe Dunphy, Fr. Dan or the Parish Office.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: To all current, past and new members Thomastown Age Friendly are looking to host free courses in computing, cookery, yoga, makeup etc to name a few. If you are interested, please call in to the shop on Thursday or Friday for further information and register your interest or call 0868237526.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture, 'Tom Ryan - A War of Independence Internee'. Speaker: will be William Murphy. Thursday, 24th October 2019 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall.

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

So, both parishes will have the new Mass schedule beginning 1st Sunday of Advent 2019, that is 30th 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 Sunday Funeral Masses won't be held in the Area. Please God we will all approach and embrace this new time with openness, courage and hope.

Unlocking the Possibilities of our Pastoral Areas: All members of the Pastoral Area Councils are invited to a morning reflection on the many possibilities now open to parishes through the establishment of pastoral areas. Chaired by Bishop Dermot Farrell and in dialogue with Fr Albert McDonnell and some lay co-ordinators of pastoral groups from other Irish Diocese we will have an opportunity to reflect on how these groupings can best work together. St Kieran's College - Saturday 26th October 11am-1pm.

Into the Breach Catholic Men's Conference: November 2nd at Emmaus Centre. Fr Conor McDonough OP, Tony Foy, Mike Shortt, Fr Pat Cahill and Bishop Cullinan will speak.

Rome Pilgrimage: The Ossory Adult Faith Development group are leading a pilgrimage to Rome (August 24th - 29th 2020). These days in the eternal city are an opportunity through art and sacred sites to unlock knowledge of our faith and to deepen our understanding of God. Anyone interested can contact afd@ossory.ie or 056 7753624.

GDPR: A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. Over the last number of months, we have been working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and you will see changes in the way we do things to ensure that your personal data is kept safe and secure. Our Parish has a data privacy notice which is available on our church noticeboard and/ or our parish website If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Leaving Certificate Religion Revision Day 2019: The annual St Patrick's College, Maynooth Leaving Certificate Revision day will take place on Saturday 23 November, 9am to 3.30pm in Maynooth. This is a fantastic opportunity for students taking Religion as an exam subject to gain expert, exam-focused insight from leading Theologians for the upcoming exam in June 2020. Cost: €30 (Welcome Tea/Coffee & Lunch included) For further information, please contact: admissions@spcm.ie

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