

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER  
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**CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Funeral Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am

**Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.**

**Mass in Chapel Hill** 04<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm & 18<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm

**Mass in Mong** 27<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm & 11<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries** **Martin Morrissey**, Station Road recently deceased. **Rene Kelly**, Kilfane West (Months Mind 11am Mass); **Edward Holohan**, Oldtown, Stoneyford (11am Mass); **David O'Neill**, Kilkenny formerly Castle Avenue (11am Mass); **John Dempsey** (11am Mass); **Brid Fanning**, Grennan; **Con O'Neill**, Grennan & Cheekpoint, Waterford; **Alice & Jack Norris**, Danesrath; **Dick & Nan Butler**, Mount Juliet May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Mary Dunne**, Jerpont (7pm Mass); **Mattie & Pat Lawlor**, Maudlin Street (9.30am Mass); **Johnny Dalton**, Dangan Terrace (11am Mass)

**Church Gate Collection Alzheimer's Society** next week end 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> April

**Grennan College Cake Sale** after the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Sinead Galway Cake Sale** in aid of Alzheimer's Society after the 11am Mass.

Don't forget **Trocaire**. Your contributions will make a difference. Get the boxes back soon.

**Thomastown Classic Steam and Vintage Club** are holding their annual vintage run on Easter Sunday at 12 o'clock from Grennan. All proceeds going towards a local cause.

**The Cathedral Draw**, usually held on the last Wednesday of each month, will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It is not too late to join, so call to Reddy's, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

**Accord** provides courses for people preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, and is looking for people who will train and after training run Pre-Marriage courses. Marriage is such a huge step that we owe it to those getting married presently to help them prepare well for a commitment of maybe 60 years. You may be the person to assist. Check the Accord website – [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie), contact Aisling on 01 5053112, or email [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

**Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email [glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie)

**Easter offerings** are one of the six contributions to support the priests of our Parishes. Fr. Dan appreciates your support. Please get the envelopes back presently, and if you haven't received envelopes, please contact the Office or place it, with your name and address, in an ordinary envelope.

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

**Special Sunday Opening at the Watergarden in Thomastown** on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Vintage cars on display from 12 until 2.30pm. Seed Swap and Café and Garden centre open from 11 until 3.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society** Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Lecture on the Fethard-on-Sea Boycott by Doctor Eugene Broderick at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall. Further information from Brigid Barron, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com), 087 9507295 or Eddie Synnott, [edsynnott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:edsynnott@yahoo.co.uk), 086 8124349.

**New Mission Team in Ossory Diocese:** The formation of a new Mission Team in Ossory diocese is being explored. Its aim will be to promote and foster mission awareness in parishes and in the diocese. Interested parishioners and especially those who have worked overseas on mission/development work are invited and welcome to become involved. Enquiries to Fr Sean O'Connor on 086 3895911 or email [rsoc1973@gmail.com](mailto:rsoc1973@gmail.com)

**Thomastown Library News: Ciorcal Comhra**

Our Irish conversation group is going strong and meet in the library on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along and have a chat. Slan go foill... the next meeting of the Irish conversation group Ciorcal Comhra - will be on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm.

**Thomastown GAA Healthy Club** are hosting a fashion show in the community hall on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Proceeds from the fashion show will be used to support health and wellbeing activities in the community. A donation from the fashion show 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 spot prizes and a very special door prize. Tickets are €15 and are available in O'Keeffes Shop or contacting 0879371889.

**Thomastown GAA Healthy Club** in association with the Kilkenny Local Sports Partnership are running 'Chair Based Exercise classes for older Adults' in the community hall. These classes will commence on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 - 11.15hrs and will run for six weeks. These classes will promote flexibility and wellness. If you wish to book a place on the programme please ring Seamus on 087 3567884 to book your place. The programme costs €25 and will run for six weeks.

**Family Carers Ireland**

Our support group for **Parents of Children with Disabilities** is being held next Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in our Resource Centre at the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

The **Kilkenny Carers Support Group** is being held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in Social Services, Waterford Road.

Also, the following week is our support group meeting for **Relatives of a Loved One with a Mental Health Issues** on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in our Resource Centre in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

**Silver Surfer Awards 2019:** Nominate an older friend, neighbour or relative who uses technology (facebook, email, skype etc.) to enhance the quality of their life. The closing date for accepting nominations is only 7 days away – next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Full details of the categories and how to nominate are available on our website <https://www.ageaction.ie/about-us/age-action-silver-surfer-awards>

**Parish Prayer:** We pray for all in our parish: that we may share the joy and hope of Easter and continue to grow in God's light and bring God's presence to all in our lives.

**Happy Easter.**

May all the joys of Easter be yours.

As we see new life in nature, may we savour the new life in Christ.