

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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<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
	Wednesday Lectio Divina	10.00am
	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.****Mass in Chapel Hill** 02<sup>nd</sup> March at 5.45pm & 16<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.**Mass in Mong** 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 5.45pm & 09<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.

Please note that Masses in Chapel Hill and Mong will change time, with Mass in Mong at 5.30pm from 9<sup>th</sup> March and Mass in Chapel Hill moving to 5.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Billy Woods**, 43, Cloughabrody (7pm Mass); **Catherine O'Byrne**, Jerpoint West. (9.30am Mass); **Bridget & Patrick Dunphy & Family**, 24, Newtown Terrace & England; **Patrick (Paddy) Manning**, Kilmurry; **Ray J Hughes**, 24, Berkley Lawn; **Tommie Hogan & Mickey Hogan**, Coolroebeag; **Margaret Fennelly**, Boher; **Greg Hoban**, Clossgregg. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Anthony (Tony) Kehoe**, Jerpoint West (7pm Mass); **Jamie & Margaret Minogue**, Ballydonnell (7pm Mass); **Mai Behan**, Cloughabrody (11am Mass).

**Cead Mile Failte:** Welcome to Eoghan Desmond Hughes, Stoneyford; Francis Gerard Hughes, Stoneyford; Molly Michelle Brennan, Dangan Terrace; Sadie Ellen O'Connor, Mount Juliet; Lucy Helen Murphy, Dangan Terrace; Lara Helena Dempsey, Berkley Lawn; Adam Maurice Shane Hughes, The Meadows baptised into the family of God recently.

**First Friday:** Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

**Ministers of the Eucharist month March:** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

<b>07.00pm</b>	Mary Butler	Joe Murphy	Sr. De Lourdes
<b>11.00am</b>	Seamus Quigley	Breda Bergin	Anne Donnelly

**Ministers of the Word month of March:** Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Betty O'Connor	Mary Lannon	Tom Brett
Pat Doherty	Maureen Sherlock	Alice Challoner

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service:** Blood Donation Clinic will be at St. Mary's National School Thomastown on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm to 8pm.

**You Shall be my Witnesses,** The young people commit, in preparation for the Sacrament, to take time each day to pray, to participate in the prayer of the community by being at Mass every weekend, to take part fully in the preparation for Confirmation at school, in the parish and at home, and to be the kind of person that Jesus would want them to be at home, at school and in the parish community. Noble aspirations, and how can you help them to be faithful to their commitment? The 4-week programme resumes on Tuesday at 7.30, at the National School. A group of Moms and Dads conduct the programme over the four weeks.

**Cathedral Draw:** The current Draw concludes next Wednesday. Over four years the Draw has raised €452,000 for the restoration of the Cathedral. Thanks to all who contributed. The first draw of Year Five will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Do please consider joining.

**Fiver Friday:** The School of Food pop up restaurant will be open from 12pm – 2pm every Friday serving a delicious lunch! We will also have a take away option available from 11.30am. All dishes €5 or whatever you would like to donate.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society:** Friday, March 1st, 8pm - 'The Beginning of the War of Independence in Kilkenny' by Eoin Swithin Walsh in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (Society members free). All welcome.

**The Kilkenny Great War Memorial Committee:** Second World War Names Appeal. If you know someone from Kilkenny who took part in World War II, please email: [kilkennywarmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:kilkennywarmemorial@gmail.com) phone 086 3369080 Post to 48, John Street. If possible include rank, regiment, service number and any other relevant information.

**Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group:** Tuesday 5th March 2019, 3.00-4.30pm at **The Village Day Centre**. Information and support for past and present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. All are welcome. For more information call 056-7771230.

**Art Exhibition:** The local Watercolour Art Group will hold an Art Exhibition in the Gallery at The Watergarden, Ladywell Street, Thomastown from February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition will open on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12noon. All welcome. Anyone interested in joining the group please contact Miriam on 086 3047711 or Mary on 086 1553688. The group meet for two hours (10am – 12 noon) every Thursday morning.

**Parish Prayer:** We pray for our parish, our family and our friends: that we may live our lives as Jesus asked, giving generously of our time, our love and our kindness to all, no matter where in the world they live.

**SAFEGUARDING**

*If you have a safeguarding concern contact the  
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person  
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*The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are  
Brigid Begley and Ray O'Carroll*

*They can be contacted through the Parish Office.*