

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th March 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 24th March

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	11.00am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	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	04 th May at 5.30pm & 18 th May at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	13 th April 5.30pm & 27 th April at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Rene Kelly**, Kilfane West, died Friday, and **Jack Cahill**, Smithstown & daughter **Ann Grey** (7pm Mass); **Toddy Cassin**, Station Road (7pm Mass); **Mary Doyle**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass); **Cha Whelan**, Jerpoint Church (11am Mass); **Mary Byrne**, Carrickmourne (09.30am Mass Wednesday); **Daniel Challoner**, Newtown Terrace; **Ellen Doyle**, Colmcille; **Josie Conway**, Jerpoint Church; **Daphne Dempsey**, Cloughsgregg; **John & Bridget Barron**, Cloughsgregg; **Jimmy Walsh**, Cappagh, Thomastown; **Mary O'Leary**, Pleberstown & London; **Larry & Mark Butler**, Castle Avenue; **William Grace**, Grennan; **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridge Brook Arms; **T. J. McCarron**, Low Street & Redhills, Co.Cavan; **Fr. Peter Orr**, Edinburgh. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Teresa Walsh**, Noreview Crescent (7pm Mass); **Mary O'Keefe** (11am Mass).

Parish Lenten Programme: Ms. Gemma Mulligan is the Co-ordinator of the diocesan Plan. She speaks at Mass at 7pm this Saturday night, 23rd March. Fr. Richard Scriven will talk at Mass on 30th March. His theme will be reconciliation, with God and with others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be part of this ceremony. Saturday 6th April Ms. Maeve Mahon will talk to us. Please come those nights – that may be part of your Lenten resolution. Please note that Masses in Chapel Hill and Mong will not be held on those dates so that those who gather for Mass there will come to hear our speakers.

Every Life Counts is a support network for parents who are told their unborn baby is not expected to live. Having been there themselves, the network members provide guidance on how best to cherish the baby's short life. To promote our organisation in all Maternity and GP clinics we need funds. Please give to our Church Gate Collection – March 23rd /24th.

Lenten Dues: The Dues are one of the 6 collections throughout the year that are for the financial support of the priest. Please return as soon as possible and thank you in anticipation.

A Cake Sale will take place after the 11am Mass next Sunday 31st March. The Cake Sale is being run by the Parish Finance Committee to raise funds to repair the Belfry Bell which hasn't rung out over the town for a number of years. Please God the bell will soon ring out and strike a chord in our busy days once more. It would be greatly appreciated if you would do some baking and help with the fundraising. Contact Kathleen at 086 0622393

Come to the School of Food Street Food Market to-day from 12pm - 3pm. Over the past 11 weeks the Chef students have been developing their own food product to debut at the Street Food Market! All sorts of wonderful and exotic foods, with an international twist.

Cathedral Draw: The first draw of Year Five will be held next Wednesday 27th March. Do please consider joining. Join the Draw, €10 per month, at Reddy's Gift Shop, Murphy Victualler at Market Street, the Parish Office or Fr. Dan.

Evening Retreat for Readers of Our Diocese: An opportunity for all readers of our Diocese to come together for an evening of reflection with Fr. Jim Murphy and the Ossory Diocesan Retreat Team on Monday 01st April at 7.30pm in St. Kieran's College.

Conference: Citizens of Two Cities: Being Church in the World Today. Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan. This day will take place on March 30th, 2019 in St. Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. Times: 10.00 am - 4.00 p.m. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided), pay on the door. Booking essential. To book your place, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Diocese of Ossory is developing a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the Diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Chapter Room, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Saturday 6th April 2019 at 11.30am (finishing at 12.45). Light refreshments served. See poster in the Church for further details of how to attend or contact the Parish Office promptly.

Community Centre Drama: Killoughternane Drama presents "Sive" a Two Act Play by John B Keane on Friday 5th April at 8pm. Tickets €10 at the door. Enquiries Seamus 087 7728170

Flower Arranging Classes: Thomastown Library will be running another series of 3 classes before Easter. Call to the library or give us a ring on 056 7794331 to book.

Thomastown Library Ciorcal Comhra: Our Irish conversation group is going strong and meet in the library on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. You are welcome to come along and have a chat. Slan go foill..

Children's Storytelling: Storytelling and crafts for children ages 3 to 8 years will take place on Saturdays at 11am. No need to book just come along

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 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

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: The Invincibles - The Phoenix Park Assassinations and the Conspiracy that Shook an Empire. Speaker: Mícheál Ó Doibhíln on Thursday, March 28th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (society members free).

Illustrated talk by Dungarvan-based artist Blaise Smith R.H.A. about his work from 1997-2019 titled: 'An artist painting in County Kilkenny' will take place in the Community Hall Friday 29 March at 8 p.m. This event is hosted by Dúchas - Tullaherin Heritage Society.

Kilkenny's Monthly Talk & Tea: Breda Gardner will talk about homeopathy, iridology, muscles testing & nutrition to help relieve arthritis, fibromyalgia & chronic pain on Thurs 28th March at 6pm in Ossory Park Community Centre To reserve your seat at our talk call or text 0871491767.

Parish Prayer: We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be welcoming and forgiving of each other.