

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th November 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES this week beginning Saturday 23rd November

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass, 24 th November	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/09pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass, 30 th November	06.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass, 1 st December	11.30am
	Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick & Elderly	10.00am
	Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Mong 23rd November 5.30pm.

Deaths/Anniversaries. **Mary Barron**, Ballyconway (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Josephine Lannon and her husband Joe**, 34, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); **Unie Kelly nee Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **Peggy Murphy nee Stapleton**, Oldtown (7pm Mass); **Willie Kavanagh**, Cloughabrody (7pm Mass); **James Lee**, 39, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Patricia Carolan**, Dublin (7pm Mass) **Patrick & Margaret Cullen**, Clossgregg (7pm Mass); **Deceased Members of Thomastown Hurling Clubs** (11am Mass); **Michael O'Carroll** (11am Mass); **Josephine Butler**, Pleberstown; **Patrick Butler**, Clossgregg; **Mahon Family**, Cheekpoint; **David Walsh**, Dysart; **Patrick Fanning**, Grennan; **Thomas Redmond**, Marshes Street; **Alice & Alan Reddy**, Graignamanagh; **Elizabeth Long & Family**, The Mall; **Kathleen Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Peg Daniels and son Paddy**, Kilmoganny; **Sheila O'Hanrahan**; **Peter O'Hanrahan**, Kiljames & Ashbourne, Co. Meath; **Martin & Bridget Moore**. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **Frances White**, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Treena Caron**, The Quay, Thomastown & Clonmel; **Maura Collins**, Knocknaboola, Stoneyford (10am Mass)

Collection for Retired Priests of the Diocese this week end.

Do This in Memory Programme for children preparing for First Communion this week at 11am Mass.

Holy Hour for Vocations: this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we will hold one hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood between 5pm and 6pm in the Parish Church. Please join us for this time of prayer as we ask the Lord to give those called and those already ordained the courage to respond generously & to serve God's People as priests.

Family Carer Ireland: The support group for Parents of Children with Disabilities is being held next Wednesday, 27th November at 10.30am in the Resource Centre at the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

The **Kilkenny Carers Support Group** will visit the White Feather Well-Being Centre in Bennettsbridge for their meeting on Thursday, 28th November at 10.30am with a discussion about the services and therapies they offer. Contact our office on 056 7721424 to register your interest. The support group for Relatives of a Loved One with a Mental Health Issues meets on Wednesday, 4th December at 7pm in the Resource Centre in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

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

We have the new Mass schedule beginning next weekend 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. There will be Mass in Clodiagh at 9.30am on Sunday, and at St. Columba's Hospital at 11.30am.**

From next weekend Funeral Masses will be held Monday to Saturday.

All the above may take a while to get used to, as with all change. Meanwhile, the Churches in neighbouring parishes offer a wide choice of times for Masses also. On Saturdays Mass will be held in Stoneyford at 6.30pm, Graignamanagh at 7pm, Ballyhale and The Rower at 7.30pm, and Tullaherin at 8pm.

On Sunday mornings Mass will be held in Dungarvan at 9am, Clodiagh at 9.30am, Bennettsbridge at 10.30am, Graignamanagh and Knocktopher at 11am, and Inistioge at 11.30am.

Envelopes with financial contributions will be returned to the parish of origin.

Drama: The Moonlight Drama Group will perform the "Beauty Queen of Leenane" by Martin McDonagh directed by Ger Cody running from the 28th to 30th November nightly at Thomastown Concert Hall at 8pm. Tickets €10 at the Door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170

South Kilkenny Historical Society: Lecture: 'Law, Language & Injustice': Myles Joyce and the Maamtrasna Trials, 1882. Speaker: Professor Margaret Kelleher, on Thursday, 28th November 2019 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

Craft Fair: The Annual Christmas Craft Fair in association with Thomastown Community Centre & Thomastown Country Market takes place next weekend Saturday 30th November & Sunday 01st December from 11am to 5pm.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: Annual Christmas Dinner at the Ormonde Hotel on Sunday 8th December. Names will be taken at the Shop from Thursday 21st November.

DIOCESE OF OSSORY SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: This weekend is designated by the Church in Ossory as Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Weekend. We focus on the importance of safeguarding children/vulnerable adults of our faith community and the importance of ensuring good safeguarding practice throughout the Diocese. Good Safeguarding practice is a priority in our parishes, our schools and in all sporting and cultural organisations. It is important for all of us who work with children and vulnerable adults to ensure our safeguarding practice is up to date and in line with national requirements. Good safeguarding practice is integral to ministry - it is not an option. Copies of the *Diocesan Safeguarding Newsletter*, *Parish Activities*, *Role of Safeguarding Representative – Cherishing our Children*, will be distributed at Mass.

SAFEGUARDING	<i>If you have a safeguarding concern contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mr Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 djp@ossory.ie The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are Brigid Begley and Ray O'Carroll They can be contacted through the Parish Office. Garda National Protective Services 01 6663430/35 Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency, Carlow- Kilkenny area 052 617 7302</i>
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Cathedral Draw this week Wednesday 27th November