

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 25th August

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| Parish Church | 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 |
| | Saturday Vigil Mass | 07.00pm |
| St. Columba's Hospital | Sunday Morning Mass | 09.30am |
| | Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly | 10.00am |
| | Thursday Mass | 10.00am |

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 31st August at 5.30pm & 07th September at 5.30pm

Mass in Mong 24th August at 5.30pm & 14th September at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Billy Daly**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); **Thomas & Margaret Begley**, Newtown Terrace; **Mary O'Reilly**, Dangan; **Eddie Nolan**, Newtown; **Ellen Lee**, Newtown. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Jonathan Hynes, Newtown (7pm Mass).

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Lukas Lesys, Lintown Hall, Kilkenny; Alicja Agita Korytkowoka, Colmcille; Mary-Kate Zita Walsh, Lyons, France; Ewan James Coleman, Jerpoint Hill; Noah Kevin Conway, Maudlin Court; Kyra Margaret Walsh-Waugh, Castle Avenue; Kate Olivia Murray, The Greens baptised into the family of God recently.

Ministers of the Eucharist for September: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

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| 07.00pm | Trish Dempsey | Anne Treacy | Sheila McDonald |
| 11.00am | Majella Morrissey | Ann Donnelly | John Minogue |

Ministers of the Word for September. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

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| 07.00pm | 09.30am | 11.00am |
| Alicia Dunphy | Vera Lanigan | Valerie Cotter |
| Sr. De Lourdes | Emma O'Keeffe Walsh | Catherine Murphy |

St Moling's Well Pattern Mass: The annual St Moling's Well Pattern Mass will take place this Sunday at 2pm at Mullinakill, Tullogher.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations and continued good health to **Thomas Moloney & May Moloney (nee Doolan)** celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Monday 26th August. They married in Thomastown on 26th August 1959 and are now aged 82 & 85 respectively and living in Manchester.

The Cathedral Draw takes place this coming Wednesday. Join the Draw at Reddys Gift Shop, Murphy Victualler at Market Street, the Parish Office, or Fr. Dan. Be in to win, and support a good cause at the same time.

Asthma Society of Ireland – The amount raised came to €405.60. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Computer Classes - From September Thomastown Library will be aiming to *Get Citizens Online*. We will be offering a **Free Beginner's Computer (tablet) Course**. There will be 5 Classes in total, the first will take place on Tuesday 10th September and tablets will be provided. Places are limited - if you are interested call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331.

Opening hours: Tuesday, Friday 10am/1pm & 2pm/5pm

Wednesday 10am/1pm & 2pm/5pm & 5.30pm/8pm

Thursday closed. Saturday 10am/1.30pm (*closed on Saturday of Bank Holiday weekends*)

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association: Day Trip Tuesday 24 September to the Irish Agricultural Museum and guided tour of Johnstown House. €20 per person Names to the Senior Citizens Shop on Thursday or Friday.

The Priory Institute: Study Theology Online. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Flexible accessible Courses. Register now for Autumn 2019. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Check the website www.prioryinstitute.com

Asperger Syndrome Volunteers wanted to set up a Committee with an interest in the establishment and the running of a monthly support group for people with Aspergers, their Families & Professionals to support people living in these counties. An open evening will be hosted in Carlow Town this September 2019 by Aspire Asperger's Syndrome Association of Ireland. Please call 087 1127804 for more information & to arrange our first committee meeting.

Burren Weekend Retreat 13 – 15 September. Come on a guided journey through the Burren. Experience the silence and beauty of this landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the ancient sacred sites. Further information Noirin 087 945 9151 or Mary 087 970 1130.

Kilkenny hurlers didn't bring home the silver last weekend. Tipperary and Galway were very good. Our thanks to our Minor and Senior hurlers, and to families, and trainers for the hard work during the past few months. No one seriously thought of an All Ireland outing last Easter so you surprised us and gave us a great year. Meanwhile, the gentle sex go to compete with the hurls... or is it hurlies.... against Galway this weekend. All the best, girls!

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home

"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family."

"The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."

"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit."

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."