

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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### CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

<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 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** 02<sup>nd</sup> February at 5.45pm 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm

**Mass in Mong** 26<sup>th</sup> January at 5.45pm & 09<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm

**Deaths/Anniversaries:** **Tom Grace**, Newtown Tce (7.00pm Mass); **Julie Stapleton**, 7 Dangan Terrace (11.00am Mass); **Angela Walsh**, Friars Hill (9.30am Mass Friday); **Margaret Doolan**, Newtown; **John & Sarah Maher**, Durrow; **Mary Stapleton**, Maudlin Street; **Denis Cassin**, Coolroebeag; **Fr. Leonard & Pat Forristal**. May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Next Weekend:** **Finbar Phelan**, 10, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); **Brohna Woods**, 2, Newtown Terrace (11am Mass)

**Do This in Memory Programme** takes place this Sunday at 11am Mass.

**Parish Finance Meeting** Monday at 7.30pm in Parish Office.

**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.

**Enable Ireland Church Gate Collection** next weekend 02<sup>nd</sup>/03<sup>rd</sup> February.

**St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw:** The January draw takes place on Wednesday next at 8pm. It is not too late to join. Call to Reddy's, Murphy Victualler, or the Parish Office.

**Catholic Schools Week** runs from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Celebrating the work of our local Catholic Schools. On Wednesday Third Class in our National school celebrates Grandparents Day, inviting Grandparents to 9.30am Mass, followed with a visit to the School and a cuppa. So we're saying thanks to all the people involved in the life of our National School, and to the Grandparents who show such love for their grandchildren, and nourish their faith too! 'It takes a village to raise a child' is attributed to an African proverb. It is difficult to trace its origins, but it does hold the true spirit of many African cultures, meaning that irrespective of a child's biological parents, its upbringing belongs to the community.

**St. Brigid's Day Service:** The 19<sup>th</sup> *St. Brigid's* Day Service will take place in *St. Fiacre's* Church Loughboy on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. Holy water from the Well of *St. Brigid* in Kildare and the traditional Red Flannel will be available. Music Ministry by The Kilkenny Gospel Choir

**South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture:** The 1918-19 Housing Crisis, Speaker: Catherine Scuffil. Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church).

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** takes place in this parish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. For those preparing to receive the Sacrament, Enrolment takes place at the 7pm Mass on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**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.

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	Anne Lee	Kathleen Gaffney	Mary McComb
<b>11.00am</b>	Jim Fitzmaurice	Tom Brett	Majella Morrissey

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

<b>07.00pm</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Aleena Benny	Sr. Anna	Chrissie Keating
Sr. De Lourdes	Bernadette Bradshaw	Rita Doyle

**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)

**Review of 2018 Christmas Carol Service: Feedback from one of the participants:** 'The duration of the carol service this year at 1 hour was perfect and I really enjoyed all the performances. I especially thought the 12 days of Christmas was great as all the parishioners were involved and it was good fun. Looking forward to the next one'.

**Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?**  
GROW is here to help you: Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday @ 8pm Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

**Final Document of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment** has been published, and can be accessed on the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. Have a read of it. It is described as a 'roadmap', to guide the way forward for the coming years.

**Parish Prayer:** We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may always do our best to help others, to share what we have and to share the good news with people who are poor.

<b>SAFEGUARDING</b>	<i>If you have a safeguarding concern contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mr Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 <a href="mailto:dlp@ossory.ie">dlp@ossory.ie</a> The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are Brigid Begley and Ray O'Carroll They can be contacted through the Parish Office.</i>
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