

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th October 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 27th October

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Funeral Mass for Joe Wemyss	12.00am
	Wednesday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Thursday Vigil Mass "All Saints"	07.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass - November Mass for All Deceased	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
	Friday Solemnity "All Saints" Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill	02 nd November at 5.30pm & 16 th November 5.30pm
Mass in Mong	26 th October at 5.30pm & 09 th November at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Joe Wemyss, Jerpoint Church recently deceased. **Pat Heffernan**, Achill (5.30pm Mass); **Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway (7pm Mass); **Deceased Members Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens** (7pm Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (7pm Mass); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin Street (9.30am Mass); **Charles, Stephen, Phyllis Behan & All The Behan Family (11am Mass)**; **Deceased Members of Dempsey Family**, Powerswood (7.30pm Mass on Thursday); **Laurence O'Keeffe**, Brownsbarn; **Billy & Mary Hogan** late Newtown Tce & Wales. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: John & Mario Sherlock, Brownsbarn (9.30am Mass)

St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Church Door Collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone in need.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Annabelle Elzbieta Kedra, Logan Street; Eoin Michael McCooley, Ballyduff; Dominik Tomasz Witkowski, Station Road, baptised into the family of God recently.

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

07.00pm	Mary McComb	Anne Lee	Catherine Walsh
11.00am	Rosaleen Garry	Alice Challoner	KC Babu

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Danny McPherson	Mary Lannon	Chrissie Keating
Siobhan Collier	Maureen Sherlock	Vonnie Walsh

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. If someone is in hospital or ill at home and would like if Fr. Dan were to call, please let him know. Hospitals, due to data protection, don't provide lists of patients to callers to the hospital.

Adoration: This weekend we welcome speakers at Masses who will speak about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Speakers are visiting parishes throughout the Diocese to encourage a renewal of the time spent with the Lord present to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

County Final – Thomastown and Tullaroan contest for Intermediate honours this weekend. A great game is promised, with the locals determined to bring home the Cup. All the best to the boys!!

Community Centre: Pat Short, Comedian Entertainer is coming to the Community Centre on Saturday 23rd November. Tickets are €28 available from the Centre, O'Keeffes Day Break & Prendergast Butchers. Show starts at 8pm. Enquiries Seamus at 087 7728170

All Souls Day: on Saturday 2nd November, at 7pm, we will celebrate a Parish Mass for all the Dead, and especially for those who have died since last November's Mass. Before Mass begins please come to the Sacristy to light a candle of remembrance and make sure we have the name of your family member / friend on the list. In the Parish Church we have the Book of the Names of the Dead, those recalled by us, and prayed for by us. We light a candle beside the Book, somehow symbolising that with the help of our prayer they may complete their journey to our Father's house and enjoy eternal light in God's presence.

St. Mary's National School is running a clothing collection to raise fund for the school extension. This can include adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts and bags. Please leave any clothes to the school from Monday, 28th October – Tuesday, 5th November – Caretaker Tommy Reddy will be at the school during the mid-term break. Thank you for your support.

Kilkenny Branch of Arthritis Ireland: Theresa McGinn from Kilkenny Physiotherapy will be the guest speaker on Tuesday 29th October in Ossory Park Community Centre in Kilkenny. This is a FREE event but to reserve your seat text or call 0871491767 or just turn up on the night.

Leaving Certificate Religion Revision Day 2019: The annual St Patrick's College, Maynooth Leaving Certificate Revision day will take place on Saturday 23 November, 9am to 3.30pm in Maynooth. This is a fantastic opportunity for students taking Religion as an exam subject to gain expert, exam-focused insight from leading Theologians for the upcoming exam in June 2020. Cost: €30 (Welcome Tea/Coffee & Lunch included) For further information, please contact: admissions@spcm.ie

GAA playing grounds in Grennan Club members and supporters are invited to become a part of the history of the club. The Club plans to install 200 seats in the stand, with the opportunity to sponsor a seat, each with a name plate attached with the sponsor's details - an ideal present to mark a special occasion, a gift to a relative now living far from home or even a memorial for a departed family member. Or simply, your chance to leave your own little stamp in our beautiful grounds for future generations to enjoy. Each seat is €50 and can be purchased from the following committee members listed: Chairperson: Ger Walsh – 086 8220317, Secretary: Mick Walsh – 087 6257602, Treasurer: Pat Walsh – 087 9848316, Juvenile Chairperson: Michael Collins – 087 2404441

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

So, both parishes will have the new Mass schedule beginning 1st Sunday of Advent 2019, that is 30th November, 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. While there are two priests in the Area and both are available for Masses, there will be Mass in Clodiagh at 9.30am on Sunday, and at St. Columba's Hospital at 11.30am on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, in Chapel Hill on the second Sunday of each month and in Mong on the fourth Sunday of each Month.** All parishioners will join in the Parish Church for Holy Week, Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. It was decided too that from Advent Funeral Masses won't be held in the Area on Sundays. Please God we will all approach and embrace this new time with openness, courage and hope.