

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

04th August 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 04th August

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	10.00am
	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 & Thursday Mass	10.00am

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

Mass in Chapel Hill 03rd August at 5.30pm & 17th August at 5.30pm

Mass in Mong 10th August at 5.30pm & 24th August at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries. **Elizabeth McConville**, Low Street (Months Mind Mass 7pm); **Peggy Dack**, 26, Castle Avenue (7pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (11am Mass). Julie Mason Nee Dunne, 25 Castle Ave. (11am Mass), **Bridie & Billy O'Brien**, Newtown Tce. **Sean Davis**, Logan Street. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: **John Morrissey**, Clossgregg (Months Mind Mass 5.30pm); **Annie Lennon, Legan** (5.30pm Mass); **Bobbie & Annie Power**, Grennan View (7pm Mass); **Richard Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); **John Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church (7pm Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (11am Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Avenue (11am Mass).

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

07.00pm	Joe Murphy	Sr. Anna	Pat Fennelly
11.00am	Tom Walsh	Alice Challoner	Rosaleen Garry

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

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Nellie Doherty	Bernie Egan	Noirin Fitzgerald
David McPherson	Pat Cronin	Mary Doyle

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday night in St Columba's Chapel, from 8.00 - 9.00pm. All welcome.

Cemetery Mass will be held at the Cemetery at St. Columba's Hospital on Thursday 8th August at 10am.

Anniversary Masses: as is the practice in many other parishes, more than one anniversary or months mind remembrance will now be assigned to a weekend Mass. It has become very difficult to accommodate the number of Masses requested on particular weekends. If that doesn't suit, the Mass can be offered at our weekday Masses, Monday to Friday.

Tommy Spillane Memorial Fund: The Tommy Spillane Memorial Fund is up and running in the local Community now and, so far, the response has been very good. Tommy was a member of an old Thomastown family who resided in The Mall. Born in 1935 he was an excellent young hurler and from 1946 to 1949 won 3 U14 County Finals out of 4 contested. He went on to have the distinction of captaining the local club to win the first ever U16 Co played in 1951. Like many young lads of his time he emigrated to England in search of work in 1954 but, sadly in less than 2 weeks he was tragically killed in a fall from a scaffolding. His remains were brought home and buried in St Mary's New Cemetery in what is, to this day, an unmarked grave. As an only son to his mother Lizzie, his family have long since all passed on. Some of his existing teammates and old school pals hope to have his grave marked by the erection of a headstone and to this end are appealing for help in the form of a donation, via Joe Dunphy or Tommy Hayes, or by attending a Musical Night in Tim's Bar on Wednesday 14th August. All help will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Thank you

The Knockadoon Music and Liturgy Course is now open for booking! Experience a week of music, friendship and community from the 11th to the 17th of August! More info available on our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter @KnockadoonML or our website www.knockadoonml.com

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

Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Briege McKenna. Saturday 31st August, Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available from Veritas and online at Eventbrite.ie. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

Computer Classes: Paul of Kilkenny Adult Learning Services has been teaching **Computer Classes for beginners** in Thomastown Library for several years now with great results! He will be returning in September. We will be offering the following classes: **Free Beginner Computer Classes**, **Free Driver Theory Test Tuition** Call in to book a place or give us a ring on 056 7794331

The vision of **Towards Peace** is to provide a safe supportive space where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace one step at a time. **Towards Peace** provides a spiritual direction service. Up to nine sessions with a specially trained spiritual companion can be made available; there is no fee. **Spiritual direction** offers a safe space to attend to your own spiritual life and sense of the Sacred. It is an ancient practice in many religious traditions. Within the Christian tradition, spiritual direction offers a way to tune into the presence of God's love within your own life. Phone 01 5053028; email towardspeace@iecon.ie web www.towardspeace.ie

GROW 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. (CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness. Please contact Mary 087 2843424

Thomastown Creative Arts Festival, 8-18th August. While Arts Week goes on in Kilkenny, here in Thomastown we have a strong tradition of art and culture too. Be sure to visit some – or better still, all – of the exhibitions taking place.

While availing of the exhibitions, don't forget to visit **the Paddock** overlooking the Quay. This has recently been opened, after much work by Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee. We are indebted to Thomastown Tidy Towns Committee for its work in the area.

It is not possessions that are sinful but possessiveness. To be detached doesn't mean being indifferent or uninterested. It means to be non-possessive. Life is a gift to be grateful for, not a possession to cling to. A non-possessive life is a free life.