

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mass in St. Columba's	11.00am

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after Saturday evening Mass or any other time on request.

Masses celebrated at the Parish Church are available on webcam and 108fm.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Jim Doyle**, Station Road recently deceased; **David O'Neill**, Castle Ave & Kilkenny (10.30am Mass); **John Dempsey**, Chapel Hill (10.30am Mass); **Edward Holohan**, Oldtown (10.30am Mass); **Billy & Nellie O'Reilly**, Market St; **Martin Morrissey**, station Road; **John & Mary Challoner**, Newtown Tce; **Frances Challoner**, Pipe St; **Baby Ella Brennan**, Graiguenamanagh: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Bernard Grogan**, Castle Ave: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Larry Aylward**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Patsy Bolger**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass).

**"The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group** meet next Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm, at the Tuiscint Day Services meeting room at St Canices Hospital Complex, off J6 Kilkenny. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers. For information call/text Lynda 085-7331522".

**South Kilkenny Historical Society** lecture: Bridget Aylward, Queen of Alaska: South Kilkenny Connections, with Bridie Kineavy, on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 8pm at Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Ray & Mary McEntee on the wonderful occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, a big milestone.

**Cake Sale** today in support of the Ladies Gaelic Footballers, a good cause and a treat for Easter Sunday.

**God bids us welcome** to his house, And he invites us to his feast.  
Day of great joy and happiness. Alleluia.

Great was my joy when I was told Let us go forth to God's abode.  
That's in the city of the Lord.

Christ is the sun which brings the dawn, He is the light of all the world,  
Setting us free from death and sin.

Christ is alive with joy we sing, We celebrate our risen Lord,  
Praising the glory of his name.

***A new hymn of praise Let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

This is the day the Lord has made, Ransom for sin his life he gave.(Ref)

Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, we receive back, his life divine.(Ref)

So live within us, make us one, Stay with us Lord, till life is done (Ref)

**In Christ alone** my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

**Taste and see,** Taste and See The goodness of the Lord.

Oh taste and see, Taste and see The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Sing, sing, sing Alleluia,** This is the day the Lord has made.

Dance, Dance, Dance Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad, This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad, This the day.

Play music to honour God's name, This is the day the Lord has made.

Sing psalms and songs of praise, This is the day.

***Happy Easter!! Alleluia, Alleluia!!***

*"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death.*

*We do not deny or turn away from the miseries and evils that surround us. but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*"Let us feast with joy in the Lord." Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life.*

*There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will "raise us up and renew our lives." We are an Easter People, pilgrims of hope in the world of today.*